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BOSTON, JANUARY 6, 1903.

A meeting of the Board of Park Commissioners was held at the Chairman's office, 68 Devonshire street, at 2 P.M. Pres- Messrs Stratton, Pratt, and Prendergast, also Superintendent Pettigrew. The records of the last meeting were read and approved.

The following bids for summer uniforms, together with a report thereon from the Superintendent, were received; and the Superintendent was authorized to give the contract to Spitz Brothers & Mork, subject to inquiry as to their responsibility.

	Coats.	Pants.	Shirts.	Hats.
Spitz Brothers & Mork,	$0.59	$0.59	$0.40	$0.42 1/2 .37 1/2
Arthur Onthank,	.60	.55	.48	.42
Leopold Morse & Company,	.80	.75	.45	.40

The Superintendent submitted a report recommending the purchase of a planer and lathe for the machine shop at Franklin Park; and it was

VOTED, to authorize the Superintendent to purchase the same in accordance with his recommendation.

The Superintendent submitted a report regarding the construction work at the Strandway; and it was

VOTED, to authorize the Superintendent to complete the roadway.

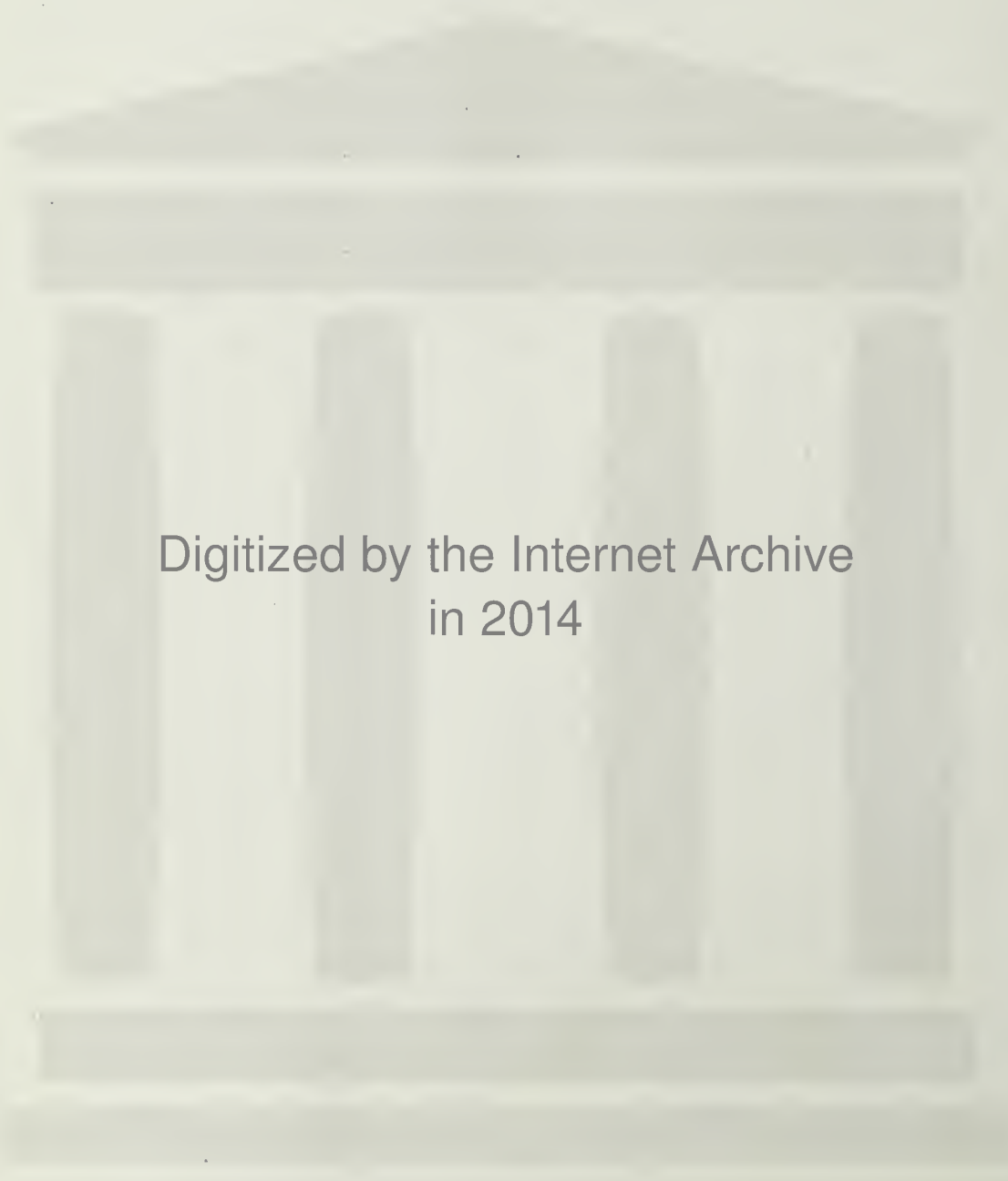
Orders of the City Council requesting that Charlesbank and Prince Street Playground be flooded for skating, with reports from the Superintendent, were received and referred to the Chairman.

The annual report of the Massachusetts Emergency and Hygiene Association of the work of the Women's and Children's Division at Charlesbank was received and placed on file.

The Board passed the following act taking land of the East Boston Company for an addition to the playground in Ward 2, and vote to award and pay damages therefor:-

In Board of Park Commissioners,
January 6, 1903.

The Board of Park Commissioners of the City of Boston, by virtue and in part execution of the authority given to it by chapter 28 of the Revised Laws of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts, does hereby take in fee for a public playground the following described parcels of land situate in that part of Boston called East Boston, an amount equal to the estimated cost thereof having been appropriated by the City Council of



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said City; namely,-

A parcel of land supposed to belong to the East Boston Company, bounded northwesterly by Frankfort street, so called, 350 feet; northeasterly by Gove street, so called, 152 and 41/100 feet; southeasterly by Lubec street, so called, 422 and 51/100 feet; southwesterly by land supposed to belong to Carmala Scandone, 75 feet; northwesterly again by land supposed to belong to Giovanni Pettine, 45 feet; and southwesterly again by the same, 75 feet: containing 57,938 square feet, more or less.

A parcel of land belonging to a person or persons unknown, being a part of said Lubec street, bounded northwesterly by land hereinbefore described as taken from the East Boston Company, 422 and 51/100 feet; northeasterly by said Gove street. 50 and 80/100 feet; southeasterly by land formerly taken by the City of Boston for a playground, 425 feet; and southwesterly by other land in said Lubec street, 50 and 42/100 feet: containing 21,188 square feet, more or less.

Said parcels of land being shown on a plan dated November 29, 1902, signed by William Jackson, City Engineer, and deposited in his office, a copy whereof is filed in the Registry of Deeds for the County of Suffolk.

Charles E. Stratton,
Laban Pratt,
Jas. M. Prendergast.
The Board of Park Commissioners
of the City of Boston.

VOTED, that whereas by an act of this Board passed January 6, 1903, a parcel of land situated on Frankfort, Gove and Lubec streets, East Boston, containing 57,938 square feet, more or less, also a parcel of land in said Lubec street containing 21,188 square feet, more or less, supposed to belong to the East Boston Company, were taken for a playground, there be awarded and paid to the said East Boston Company the sum of twenty-two thousand one hundred and fifty-five and 28/100 dollars upon the said Company's giving a deed or release for the said parcels, also an acquittance and discharge of all damages, costs and expenses in consequence of said taking satisfactory to the Law Department, and that the Chairman sign a request on the City Auditor for a special draft in favor of said payment, said amount to be charged to the appropriation for Playground Ward 2.

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An agreement dated January 1, 1903, signed by the East Boston Company and approved by the City Conveyancer, agreeing to indemnify the City from any claims and demands of any person or persons claiming rights of way or other easements in the part of Lubec street above taken, was received and sent to the City Auditor to be filed with the City deeds.

A communication from the Law Department, in regard to the projections from the building of Isabella S. Gardner on the Parkway, was received and placed on file.

Wm. F. Clarke
Sec'y.

BOSTON, JANUARY 10, 1903.

A meeting of the Board of Park Commissioners was held at the Chairman's office, 68 Devonshire street, at 11.15 A.M. Present Messrs Stratton, Pratt, and Prendergast, also Superintendent Pettigrew. The records of the last meeting were read and approved.

A communication from the Law Department, in reference to a settlement of the Columbus Avenue Playground suits, was received; and it was

VOTED, that the Law Department be authorized to settle the suit of Clara M. Rotch et al., for damages for land taken for Columbus Avenue Playground, being lot A on the plan of C. H.W.Wood Co.dated April 17, 1899, for the sum of ten thousand two hundred and seven and 34/100 dollars; also suit of Grace B. Evans et al.,for the taking of lot B and one undivided half of lot D on said plan, for the sum of two thousand six hundred and forty and 46/100 dollars; also suit of Sumner B. Willard et al., for the taking of lot C on said plan, for the sum of eighteen hundred and thirty-six and 62/100 dollars; also suits of Henry D. Williams et al., for the taking of one undivided half of lot D on said plan, for the sum of eight hundred and fifty-four and 24/100 dollars; also suit of James H. Stark for the taking of lot E on said plan, for the sum of two thousand and sixty-four and 12/100 dollars; also suit of Elizabeth M. Anderson et al.,for the taking of lot F on said

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plan. for the sum of nine hundred and sixty-six and 30/100 dollars; said settlements to bear no interest, and the City to assume any betterments that may be assessed for the extension of Columbus avenue.

Executive Circular, number 16, directing departments to allow a half-holiday on Saturdays during the year 1903, and Executive Circular, number 17, calling attention to the need of condensing department reports, were received; and it was

VOTED, that all laborers and mechanics whose services can be dispensed with without detriment to the public service, be given a half-holiday on Saturday afternoons, during the year 1903, as part compensation for their services.

A communication from Walter S. Wait, requesting information as to the taking of land from the estate of Gilbert Wait, was received and referred to the Secretary for reply.

Communications from the Board of Police in regard to detailing an officer at Charlesbank women's gymnasium evenings, and from James Murphy regarding site for proposed playground for wards 7 and 9, were received and placed on file.

Geo. F. Clarke
Sec'y

BOSTON, JANUARY 19, 1903.

A meeting of the Board of Park Commissioners was held at the Chairman's office, 68 Devonshire street, at 3 P.M. Present Messrs Stratton and Pratt, also Superintendent Pettigrew and Engineer Putnam. The records of the last meeting were read and approved.

The Superintendent submitted reports on Strandway expenditures, also on maintenance appropriations and expenditures.

An order of the City Council requesting the Board to properly light Wood Island Park during the skating season, with report from the Superintendent; also orders of the Common Council making similar requests with regard to Franklin Field, Billings Field, North Brighton and Christopher Gibson playgrounds, were received and referred to the Chairman for reply.

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Communications from the Lamp Department with reference to lights at Charlestown Playground, and from the New England Telephone and Telegraph Company with reference to the removal of overhead wires at Berners Square, were received and placed on file.

An order of the Common Council requesting that a hand-ball court be laid out in Ward 2 Playground, was received and referred to the Chairman for reply.

A request of the South End Improvement Association, that a public hearing be granted in the matter of a playground site for Wards 7 and 9, was received and laid over.

Geo. F. Clarke
Sec'y.

BOSTON, JANUARY 27, 1903.

A meeting of the Board of Park Commissioners was held at the Chairman's office, 68 Devonshire street, at 3 P.M. Present Messrs Stratton and Pratt, also Superintendent Pettigrew and Engineer Putnam. The records of the last meeting were read and approved.

The Superintendent submitted a report on the order of the City Council requesting the erection of a toboggan slide on Billings Field; and the matter was referred to the Chairman for reply.

The Superintendent submitted a report on the cost of photograph plates and prints, with recommendation that the Department purchase a camera; and it was

VOTED, to authorize the Superintendent to purchase a photographic outfit, at an expense of $106.

An order of the Common Council requesting the erection of a permanent band-stand at Jamaica Pond was received, and referred to the Chairman for reply.

A communication from Mrs. John L. Gardner, in reply to a letter from the Board relative to the covered carriage approach to her house on the Fenway, was received and placed on file.

A request of the Salem Board of Park Commissioners for

information as to the cost of public bathhouses, was received and referred to the Bath Department.

The Secretary was directed to extend the permit of Frank Lamacchia to play the harp on Commonwealth avenue, for the season of 1903.

A proposition was received from Frederick O. Woodruff to sell the Pope property on Albany street and Harrison avenue, between Dover and Troy streets, and the wharf property on Albany street belonging to the same estate, for $300,000.

A reply from Hon. H. C. Lodge to the letter of the Board requesting his aid in securing action in Congress to prevent the use of Castle Island for a lighthouse depot, was received and placed on file.

The Board estimated the expense of taking land for an addition to Dorchester Park as follows:

Richard C. Humphreys and Charles C. Rogerson, Trustees,	2044 sq.ft,	$715.40
Ellen McMahon,	522 " "	182.70

and passed the following act:-

In Board of Park Commissioners,
January 27, 1903.

The Board of Park Commissioners of the City of Boston, by virtue and in part execution of the authority given to it by chapter 135 of the acts of 1875, and other authority thereto enabling, does hereby take for park purposes the following described parcels of land situate on and in the rear of Richmond street, in that part of Boston formerly called Dorchester; namely,-

A parcel of land supposed to belong to Richard C. Humphreys and Charles E. Rogerson, Trustees, bounded southeasterly by Richmond street, 20 feet; southwesterly by other land of said Trustees, 101 and 67/100 feet; northwesterly by land hereinafter described as taken from Ellen McMahon, 20 and 3/100 feet; and northeasterly by land supposed to belong to Rufus L. Mason, 102 and 75/100 feet: containing 2044 square feet, more or less.

A parcel of land supposed to belong to Ellen McMahon, bounded southeasterly by land hereinbefore described as taken from Richard C. Humphreys and Charles E. Rogerson, Trustees, and said land of Rufus L. Mason, 38 and 64/100 feet; southwesterly by other land of said Ellen McMahon, 27 and 5/100

feet; and northeasterly by land heretofore taken by the City of Boston and known as Dorchester Park, 45 and 96/100 feet: containing 522 square feet, more or less.

Said parcels of land being shown on a plan, dated January 7, 1903, signed by William Jackson, City Engineer, and deposited in his office, a copy whereof is filed in the Registry of Deeds for the County of Suffolk.

Charles E. Stratton,
Laban Pratt.
A majority of the Board of Park Commissioners of the City of Boston.

VOTED, that,whereas, by an act of this Board,passed January 27, 1903, a parcel of land supposed to belong to Richard C. Humphreys and Charles E. Rogerson, Trustees, situate on Richmond street in that part of Boston which was formerly Dorchester, and containing 2044 square feet, was taken for park purposes, there be awarded and paid to the said Richard C. Humphreys and Charles E. Rogerson, Trustees, the sum of seven hundred fifteen and 40/100 dollars upon their proving title thereto and giving a deed or release for the same including an acquittance and discharge of all damages, costs,and expenses arising or in any way growing out of said taking satisfactory to the Law Department, and that the Chairman sign a request on the City Auditor for a special draft in favor of said payment, said amount to be charged to the appropriation for Public Parks.

On the request of Joseph Lee that the instructors at Columbus Avenue Playground be permitted to use, for games and classes, the buildings recently acquired by the City, it was

VOTED, to grant the request until such time as the Board may need the buildings for other purposes.

Geo. F. Clarke
Sec'y

BOSTON, FEBRUARY 2, 1903.

A meeting of the Board of Park Commissioners was held at the Chairman's office, 68 Devonshire street, at 3 P.M. Present Messrs Stratton, Pratt and Prendergast, also Superintendent Pettigrew and Engineer Putnam. The records of the last meeting were read and approved.

The Superintendent submitted a report of the work done under the estimates approved December 8, 1902, and the additions made by him for work subsequently ordered by the Board.

A communication from Robert E. Belcher, Sergeant Signal Corps, Forst Brigade, M. V. M., asking that a detail of the men of the Corps may have the privilege of sleeping in the shed on Billings Field on the night of February 21, was received; and it was

VOTED, to permit the Signal Corps of the First Brigade M. V. M. to use the shed on Billings Field on the night of February 21.

The application of Mrs. Campbell for a better location for the repair department at the Golf House, Franklin Park , was received and referred to the Superintendent to concur with her.

Mr. Charles E. Lee came before the Board and stated that the Jamaica Plain Citizen's Association had appointed a committee of three, of which he was one, to look into the matter of securing a playground for that district. He said, some people think that they should endeavor to have the playground at Franklin Park opened to baseball, football, etc.,rather than that they should go to the Mayor for money to secure another location. The Chairman stated, that, if it can be afforded, it seemed to the Board wiser to secure lands outside the Park than to open the playground to indiscriminate play. The Board would, however, consider the question of whether or not they would allow games to be played in the glade.

Mr. Lee said, the Helen Weld House had maintained a playground last year on Carolina avenue, at an expense of about $1000. He wished to know whether the Board would not do something towards grading the land to make it more suitable for the purpose. The Chairman replied that they would have their Superintendent look into the matter.

Ed. F. Clarke
Sec'y.

BOSTON, FEBRUARY 10, 1903.

A meeting of the Board of Park Commissioners was held at the Chairman's office, 68 Devonshire street, at 3 P.M. Present Messrs Stratton, Pratt, and Prendergast, also Superintendent Pettigrew and Engineer Putnam. The records of the last meeting were read and approved.

The Superintendent submitted a report on the proposition of Mr. Charles E. Lee, that the Board improve the playground attched to the Weld House on Carolina avenue; and the matter was referred to the Chairman to reply to Mr. Lee.

The Superintendent su mitted a report recommending an increase in the number of swans and ducks at Jamaica Pond and Scarboro' Pond; and it was

VOTED, to authorize the Superintendent to purchase additional water fowl in accordance with his recommendation.

The Superintendent submitted reports on the orders of the Common Council, that car fares be allowed laborers in the Department going to and from work, also requesting that a hand-ball court be provided in the shelter building to be erected on Columbus Avenue Playground; and the matters were referred to the Chairman for reply.

The Superintendent submitted a report on S. J. Donovan's proposition to dump dredged material on the Strandway, at five cents per cubic yard; and the matter was referred to the Chairman for reply.

A communication from Guy Lowell, with accompanying propositions for replacing the stone damaged by the Quincy Granite Quarries Company at Westland avenue entrance, was received and placed on file.

A request of Frank Seiberlich, that baseball be allowed at Franklin Park playground, was received and referred to the Chairman for reply.

A communication from William C. Parker, with accompanying petition for a children's playground in the Fens, was received and placed on file.

The Superintendent stated that additional books of reference were needed at the Franklin Park library, also more frequent changes of the books in use; and the Chairman was requested to communicate with the Library Trustees in regard to the matter.

Mr. Pratt presented a letter he had received from E. R. Wendemuth, asking consideration of a former offer of his in

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regard to an entrance to Dorchester Park from Richmond street; and the matter was referred to the Secretary for reply.

Leo. F. Clarke
Sec'y

BOSTON, FEBRUARY 16, 1903.

A meeting of the Board of Park Commissioners was held at the Chairman's office, 68 Devonshire street, at 3 P.M. Present Messrs Stratton and Pratt, also Superintendent Pettigrew and Mr. Putnam. The records of the last meeting were read and approved.

The Superintendent submitted a report on the order of the Board of Alderman requesting an estimate of the cost of a handball court at First or M-Street Playground, also report on the order of the Common Council requesting the Board to erect a handball court on Fellows Street Playground; and the matters were referred to the Chairman for reply.

A communication from a member of the Lowell Park Commission, requesting information in regard to the organization and methods of procedure of the Boston Park Commission, was received and referred to the Secretary for reply.

A communication from the Board of Police, in reply to a letter from this Board in regard to the protection of the lawns on Commonwealth avenue, was received and placed on file.

Messrs William S. McNary, E. J. Powers, John H. Means and another, a committee of the South Boston Citizen's Association, came before the Board in regard to filling the Strandway flats. Mr McNary stated that the citizens of South Boston desired the Board to take means to fill the flats outside of Columbia Road, from the Old Colony railroad to a point near H street or I street, so as to give deep water and a clean beach. The material now being dredged by the State might be used for filling, and ought not to cost the City anything.

The Chairman stated that the Board was in correspondence with the Columbia Dredging Company in regard to utilizing the material which is now being carried to sea. An appropriation would, however, be required to pay for filling the flats. Mr. McNary stated further that the citizens would prefer to have

the work done gradually at little expense than to have it done speedily at a greater expense.

Geo. F. Clarke
Sec'y.

BOSTON, FEBRUARY 26, 1903.

A meeting of the Board of Park Commissioners was held at the Chairman's office, 68 Devonshire street, at 11 A.M. Present Messrs Stratton, Pratt, and Prendergast, also Superintendent Pettigrew and Engineer Putnam. The records of the last meeting were read and approved.

The Superintendent submitted a report on the need of additional spraying outfit, with bids for the running gear; and it was

VOTED, to authorize the Superintendent to purchase the two trucks from P. Lally and Sons, the lowest bidders, and to obtain figures for a new engine, pump and tank.

An order of the Board of Aldermen requesting a report on the cost of filling in the flats outside the Strandway line, between I street and the Cow Pasture, also the amount of land contained therein, was received and referred to the Chairman for reply.

A communication from the Board of Harbor and Land Commissioners, in reply to the letter of the Board of February 3, relative to allowance for dredging, was received and referred to the Chairman to confer with the Mayor in regard to the matter.

A communication from Philip C. McMahon, requesting that some temporary courts, swings, etc., be erected at Charlestown Playground, was received and referred to the Chairman for reply.

A request of the Superintendent of the Fire Alarm Division of the Fire Department to run two wires under the bridge on Mt. Vernon street, was received; and it was

VOTED, that the Fire Department be authorized to run two wires under the bridge of the parkway of Columbia Road, in accordance with the request of the Superintendent of the Fire Alarm.

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A communication from the Superintendent of the Fire Alarm relative to service box at the Head House, Marine Park, was received and placed on file, the matter having been attended to by the Superintendent.

An application of S. I. Hudgens for burro privileges at Marine and Franklin parks was received; and itwas

VOTED, that S. I. Hudgens be permitted to keep a burro and pony stand at Franklin and Marine Parks, for this season, provided he gives a ride of 850 feet for five cents, and that the burros and pony, and their equipment, are satisfactory to the Superintendent of Parks.

A communication from Joseph Lee, in behalf of the Committee on the work at Columbus Avenue Playground, requesting an opportunity to submit suggestions for altering or replacing the buildings adjoining the playground, was received; and the matter was referred to the Superintendent to confer with Mr. Lee.

A communication from Joseph Green, stating that his interest in the land on Audubon Road had ceased, and requesting that his permit be cancelled, was received and placed on file.

A hearing was given on the request of Clement H. Coleman for a modification of the restrictions on the lot at the corner of Columbia Road and Buttonwood street. Mr. Coleman was accompanied by Samuel H. Sullivan, the owner of the lot, and J. J. Moore, and submitted plans of the building which it is proposed to erect if the Board will consent to a modification of the restrictions so as to permit the building to occupy about 332 square feet of the reserved space.

Mr. Coleman stated that the lot was left in such shape by the restrictions as to make it unavailable for building purposes, so that it is of no use for improvement and must remain vacant. They do not ask the right to cover all the restricted land. The lot fronts on a square, and a building such as they propose to erect would in no way affect the general outline of the parkway, but would add to its picturesqueness.

Mr. Sullivan stated that the lot which he had purchased last July was assessed for $1000, and that he would like to put up a house there. The Chairman stated that the Board would view the property.

The Secretary submitted a communication from Thomas Minns,

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together with his reply, in regard to placing Louisburg square under the care of the Park Department. Mr. Minn's letter was placed on file.

A communication from Councilman J. E. Crook in regard to a bandstand at Jamaica Pond, together with a report from the Superintendent, was received and referred to the Chairman for reply.

VOTED, to advertise for applications to furnish teams for the coming season, on the same conditions as last year; the drawing to be held at Pine Bank on March 20, at 3.30 P.M.

Geo. F. Clark,
Sec'y

BOSTON, MARCH 9, 1903.

A meeting of the Board of Park Commissioners was held at the Chairman's office, 68 Devonshire street, at 3 P.M. Present Messrs Stratton and Pratt, also Superintendent Pettigrew and Engineer Putnam. The records of the last meeting were read and approved.

The Superintendent submitted a report on the application of the Roxbury Cricket Club for permit to play on Franklin Field; and it was

VOTED, that the Roxbury Cricket Club be permitted to play cricket on Franklin Field, during the season of 1903, on grounds to be designated by the Superintendent of Parks.

The Superintendent submitted a report relative to the telephone wires of the American Telephone and Telegraph Company across Columbia Road near Buttonwood street; and the Superintendent was authorized to confer with Hollis French and Allen Hubbard in regard to the feasibility of placing the wires underground or under the railroad bridge.

The Superintendent submitted a report on the need of a new cylinder for steam roller; and it was

VOTED, to authorize the Superintendent to procure the same.

A communication from M. J. Pearce, relative to the division fence at Roslindale Playground, with a report from the Superintendent as to the cost thereof, was received and re-

ferred to the Superintendent to ascertain if Mrs. Pearce will pay a part of the expense.

A communication from Guy Lowell requesting acceptance of the Fenway fountain was received, to gether with a report from the Superintendent and Engineer; and it was

VOTED, to accept the Fenway fountain with the understanding that the joints under the bases of the columns and around the seats shall be pointed as soon as the weather will permit, and that some provision be made for drawing off the water from the seats; also that the thanks of the Board be extended to Mrs. Russell and those who have been instrumental with her in carrying out the wishes of the Testatrix, Mrs. Johnson, to whose bequest the City and this Department owe this handsome memorial.

A communication from H. G. Wadlin, Librarian of the Pub-Library, relative to placing reference books in the Refectory library, was received and placed on file.

A communication from City Conveyancer R. P.Owen, relative to the restrictions in the deed of Herbert Coolidge, conveying land corner of Buttonwood and Shelburne streets, Columbia Road, was received and placed on file.

A communication from the Superintendent of Streets, enclosing plan of proposed connection of Walter street with the Arboretum, was received; and the Chairman was authorized to approve the same on behalf of the Board.

A communication from Mrs. K. G. Wells, nominating Miss Margaret L. Horst as second assistant at Charlesbank Women's Gymnasium, during the school vacation season, in place of Miss Haskell, was received; and it was

VOTED, to appoint Miss Margaret L. Horst as second assistant at the Women's gymnasium at Charlesbank, during the school vacation season, at a salary of fifty dollars per month; and that the Secretary notify Mrs. Wells accordingly.

VOTED, that children's gardens be allowed behind the seats on the esplanade at Charlesbank, under the direction of the Superintendent of Parks.

Geo. F. Clarke,
Sec'y.

BOSTON, MARCH 17, 1903.

A meeting of the Board of Park Commissioners was held at the Chairman's office, 68 Devonshire street, at 3 P.M. Present Messrs Stratton, Pratt, and Prendergast, also Superintendent Pettigrew and Engineer Putnam. The records of the last meeting were read and approved.

The Superintendent submitted a report on Thomas S. Simpson's application to carry on the sailboat privilege at the public landing, Marine Park, lately conducted by Henry T. Hutchins; and it was

VOTED, not to grant the request.

Executive Circular, number 18, directing that a holiday without loss of pay be allowed on March 17 to all persons in the employ of the City whose services can be dispensed with, was received; and the Superintendent was authorized to allow the holiday as directed by the Mayor.

Common Council orders requesting the Board to establish an open-air gymnasium in the Fellows Street Playground, and requesting a report as to the advisability of erecting a shelter on the Cottage Street Playground, Ward 2, with reports from the Superintendent, were received and referred to the Chairman to report thereon to the Mayor.

An order of the Common Council requesting a report as to the cost and feasibility of putting the bathing plant at the Head House, Marine Park, in condition for bathing during the entire year, was received and referred to the Superintendent for report.

A communication from A. E. Justice, Treasurer of the Columbia Yacht Club, transmitting sketch of a fence to enclose the club-house and grounds, was received; and it was

VOTED, to approve the same; and that the Secretary notify the Club accordingly.

A communication from Henry Bruere, requesting the Board to assume charge of a tract of land on Massachusetts avenue, Ward 17, for playground purposes, was received; and the Secretary was directed to reply that the Board would be pleased to put the grounds in order and supervise the playground, provided Mr. Bruere will secure the funds necessary to meet the expense, and will arrange with the owners of the property to lease it to the City.

A communication from Richard Allen, Secretary Park Employees L.A.7576, K of L, transmitting a vote of thanks of the

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members for generosity to them in granting them full time, was received and placed on file.

VOTED, that the Chairman be authorized to approve the plan submitted by E.M.Brewer this day, for a street from his land into the southerly side road of Arborway near Pond street.

Geo. F. Stratton
Chairman

BOSTON, MARCH 23, 1903.

A meeting of the Board of Park Commissioners was held at the Chairman's office, 68 Devonshire street, at 3 P.M. Present Messrs Stratton and Pratt, also Superintendent Pettigrew and Engineer Putnam. The records of the last meeting were read and approved.

The Superintendent submitted a report on Mr. R. C. Sturgis' letter relative to the condition of Prince Street Playground; and the matter was referred to the Chairman for reply.

The Superintendent submitted a report recommending that the proposal of S. B. Church for a complete spraying outfit be accepted, which will include the running gear already authorized by the Board. It was, thereupon

VOTED, to authorize the Superintendent to purchase the outfit offered by Mr. Church, and dispense with the running gear which he was authorized to purchase by a former vote.

The Superintendent submitted a report on the complaint of F. A. North of a guy post on Audubon Road, stating that the owner of the land upon which the building was being erected has agreed to remove it.

The Superintendent submitted a report on the communication from Clifford Devens relative to the division fence between Roslindale Playground and land of Mary J. Pearce; and the matter was referred back to the Superintendent to communicate further with Mr. Devens.

The Superintendent submitted a report on an order of the Common Council requesting that a part of the Franklin Park playground be set apart for an athletic field; and the matter was referred to the Chairman to report on the same to the Mayor.

The Superintendent submitted a recommendation that the request of the West Indian Wanderer's Cricket Club for leave

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to use the grounds at Franklin Field occupied by them last season be granted; and it was

VOTED, that the West Indian Wanderer's Cricket Club be permitted the use of the grounds at Franklin Field, for cricket, during the season of 1903, in such location as may be approved by the Superintendent of Parks.

A communication from Henry Lefavour, President of Simmons College, relative to the restrictions to be imposed upon the College in locating its buildings on the Fenway, was received. Mr. Lefavour came before the Board with the preliminary plans of the buildings it is proposed to erect, and stated that the lot being somewhat small they desired to occupy as much of the land as possible. The Board took the matter under consideration and arranged to view the location with Mr. Lefavour.

A request for the appointment of Frederick A. Plyer as a special police officer, to serve in Commonwealth avenue, the Fens, and Riverway, was sent to the Board of Police.

A communication from the Street Commissioners relative to the proposed entrance of St.Rose street into the parkway at the Arnold Arboretum, was received and referred to the Superintendent.

A communication from Thomas D. Roberts in regard to the need of playgrounds at Jamaica Plain, and the leasing of land therefor, was received and referred to the Chairman for reply.

Geo. F. Clarke
Sec'y

BOSTON, MARCH 25, 1903.

A special meeting of the Board of Park Commissioners was held at Mr. Pratt's office, 35 Congress street, at 12 M. Present Messrs Stratton and Pratt.

Mr. Dwight Braman came before the Board in reference to his request for an entrance on the park for his Hemenway street land, which he had previously submitted to the Board. Mr. Braman stated that parties were ready to put up a first-class building for hotel purposes,if the Board would give them a

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suitable entrance which would allow them to front the building on the park. The Commissioners stated that they would give the matter favorable consideration if the plans of the proposed building to be submitted by Mr. Braman were satisfactory.

Mr. George W. Macawley came before the Board and stated that the land adjoining the Arboretum owned by him, Dawson Johnson, and E. K. Brown was about to be put on the market, and that they were ready to consent to the restrictions in order to obtain access to the parkway. The matter was referred to the Secretary to confer with the Law Department in regard to drawing up an agreement for restrictions.

Geo. F. Clarke
Sec'y.

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A meeting of the Board of Park Commissioners was held at the Chairman's office, 68 Devonshire street, at 3 P.M. Present Messrs Stratton, Pratt, and Prendergast. also Superintendent Pettigrew and Engineer Putnam. The records of the last meeting were read and approved.

The Superintendent submitted a report recommending a new style of hat for teamsters, instead of the straw hats now worn by them; and it was

VOTED, to authorize the Superintendent to make the substitution recommended by him.

The Superintendent submitted a report on plans for a new building at the Administration Yard, Franklin Park; and it was

VOTED, to authorize the Superintendent to invite proposals by advertisement in the usual way.

The Superintendent submitted a report on Mr. Currier's letter regarding the assignment of grounds to the Roslindale Base-Ball and Athletic Association, and of his interview with Secretary Webb of the Association; and the matter was placed on file.

The Superintendent submitted a report on the order of the Common Council relative to opening the bathing plant at the

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Head House in winter, asking for more time to consider the matter; and it was referred back to the Superintendent.

The Superintendent submitted a report on the order of the Common Council that Franklin Park playground be opened to persons over sixteen years of age at stated times; and the matter was referred to the Chairman to report to the Mayor.

The Superintendent submitted a report on the request of Dwight Braman for an entrance from his property to the Fenway; and the matter was placed on file.

The Superintendent submitted a report on the petition of Councilman Grady and others, that a hand-ball court be erected on Fellows Street Playground; and the matter was referred to the Chairman for reply.

The Superintendent submitted a report with accompanying bids for boilers for the building at First Street Playground, recommending the acceptance of the lowest bid; and it was

VOTED, that the bid of the Walworth Manufacturing Company for furnishing boilers for First Street Playground, for $226, be accepted.

A communication from the Beach and Clarridge Company, relative to their advertising display at the rear of the Columbus Avenue Playground, was received and referred to the Chairman for reply.

A communication from R. Clipston Sturgis, in answer to the Chairman's letter relative to the condition of the Prince Street Playground, was received and placed on file.

A communication from Mary J. Pearce agreeing to pay one hundred dollars towards the erection of a division fence between her premises and the Roslindale Playground, was received; and the Superintendent was directed to proceed with the erection of the fence.

Communications from Frank A. North, relative to removal of post in front of his house #446 Audubon Road, and from the Clerk of Committees, requesting that North End Park be put in condition for games on Patriot's Day, were received and referred to the Chairman for reply.

An application of M. J. Lyons for particulars relative to leasing the public landing, Marine Park, was received and referred to the Secretary for reply.

A request of Myer Bloomfield and others, asking that Prince Street Playground be fenced in, was received and referred to the Superintendent.

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John H. Lee and Councilman Edward M. Richardson came before the Board with reference to Rogers Park pond. Mr. Lee stated that Mr. Goodenough and some of his neighbors object to having the pond filled up, as it would do away with an attractive feature of the park. Mr. Lee said that personally he thought they would be better off if it were filled, and that the boys would prefer to have more ground to roam over.

Mr. Richardson said, that, in the opinion of some of his constituents, to take away the pond would destroy the park; and that, as the plan to fill the pond was determined on without a hearing, the Board should reconsider the matter.

The Chairman replied, that the Board finding that it was difficult to maintain an artificial pond under the conditions that are found here without the use of the City water, at considerable expense, voted to fill it up. He further said, that, if the question were an open one, it might be well to give a hearing, but having made a contract to fill up the pond, the Board considered the matter closed.

A lease of a parcel of land on Burnham street, between Massachusetts avenue and Southampton street, from the City Land Company, for the term of one year, for playground purposes, was received and signed by the Board.

Geo. F. Clarke
Sec'y.

BOSTON, APRIL 13, 1903.

A meeting of the Board of Park Commissioners was held at 64 Pemberton square, at 3 P.M. Present Messrs Pratt and Prendergast, also Mr. Putnam. The records of the last meeting were read and approved.

The following bids for erecting a sanitary building at Neponset Playground were received and read:

William Riley,	$1297
James F.Flaherty,	1463
Wilbut J. Hatch,	1484
Arthur L. Oakman,	1565
James J. Flynn,	1862
Holmes Brothers,	1900

and it was

VOTED, to accept the bid of William Riley; and that the Chairman be authorized to sign the contract.

A report was received from the Superintendent on the application of John J. O'Reilly for position of instructor at First Street Playground, which was placed on file.

A report was received from the Superintendent on the request of D. J. Kinnaly & Company to figure on plumbing work for the new building at First Street Playground; and the matter was referred to the Secretary for reply.

An agreement for restrictions on land of E.K.Brown et als. was received and forwarded to the City Auditor for record.

A communication from the State Treasurer transmitting a bill for assessment for tide-water displacement to April 1, 1903, was received; and the matter was laid over to the next meeting.

A communication from Assistant City Solicitor S. H. Hudson recommending the settlement of the betterment case of George T. McLauthlin, in connection with the settlement of the petition of Martin P. McLauthlin and others for damages for land taken to widen Brookline avenue, was received; and it was

VOTED, that the Law Department be authorized to settle the suit pending on the petition of George T. McLauthlin, for the abatement of the betterment assessed upon his estate for the Parkway Muddy River, for the sum of one dollar.

A communication from A. W. Longfellow relative to advertising the contract for sanitary buildings, was received; and the Secretary was directed to advertise the same in connection with the contract for storehouse at Franklin Park, the bids to be received at 3 P.M., April 27, at 64 Pemberton square.

A request of the East Boston Cricket Club for permission to play cricket at stated times at Wood Island Park, was received and referred to the Superintendent for report.

Communications from the Librarian of the Public Library relative to request for additional reference books for the Refectory reading-room, also from the Board of Police in reply to the Chairman's letter of April 8, in regard to the defacement of the parks by the making of trails, were received and placed on file.

An application from Edward J. Tomlin, for refreshment privilege at the L-Street Bathhouse on the Strandway, was received

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and referred to the Superintendent for report.

An application from Messrs Bacon & Tarbell for the renewal of their carriage privilege at Franklin Park was received; and it was

VOTED, to extend the privilege until May 1, 1904, under the same conditions as the vote of June 14, 1897.

Applications from M. J. Lyons, Daniel F. Casey, Robert B. Hudson, and Freeman and Ernest Higgins for the boat privilege at Marine Park, were received and referred to the Superintendent for report.

A communication from the Bath Trustees requesting the transfer of North End Beach to them, for the season beginning June 15, 1903, also calling attention to the need of repairs to the buildings, was received; and it was

VOTED, that the care and control of the bathhouses and piers at North End Beach, including the beach and grounds northerly of Commercial street, be transferred to the Bath Trustees, at their request, from June 15, 1903 to June 15, 1904, upon the following terms; namely,-

1. The said baths and piers, beach and grounds, shall be open to this Board at all times, and the right is reserved to maintain a boat landing at the end of the westerly pier of the North End Beach, including the privilege of furnishing light refreshments at said landing.

2. The Bath Department shall keep said premises clean and well lighted, heated, watched, and guarded during said term, and shall employ such attendants as may be necessary for the purpose.

3. This Board reserves the right to revoke the authority hereby given at any time in its discretion, and with the approval of the Mayor.

Geo. F. Clarke
Sec'y

BOSTON, APRIL 21, 1903.

A meeting of the Board of Park Commissioners was held at the Chairman's office, 68 Devonshire street, at 3 P.M. Present Messrs Stratton, Pratt, and Prendergast, also Superintendent Pettigrew and Engineer Putnam. The records of the last meeting were read and approved.

The following bids for 168.4 feet of iron fence on Hemenway street were received:

Rogers Iron Company,	Springfield, Ohio,	$362.00
Van Dorn Iron Works,	Cleveland, Ohio,	425.00
W. A. Snow & Company,	Boston,	593.57

and it was

VOTED, to accept the lowest bid.

The Superintendent submitted a report on the order of the Common Council requesting that ball playing be allowed on Leverett Park; and the matter was referred to the Chairman to reply through the Mayor.

The Superintendent submitted a report on the communication from the Building Trades Council to the Mayor, relating to the earnings of teams employed in this Department as affecting the wages of the drivers; and the matter was referred to the Chairman to report thereon to the Mayor.

The Superintendent submitted a report on the application of Edward J. Tomlin for refreshment privileges at the L-Street Bathhouse; and it was

VOTED, that Edward J. Tomlin be permitted to maintain a refreshment stand on the Strandway near the L-Street Bathhouse, during the coming season, subject to removal on notice from the Board.

The Superintendent submitted a report on the application of the East Boston Cricket Club for permission to play cricket at Wood Island Park, during the season of 1903; and it was

VOTED, that the East Boston Cricket Club be permitted, under the direction of the Superintendent of Parks, to use a portion of the playground at Wood Island Park for the purpose of playing cricket, during the season of 1903.

The Superintendent submitted a report on the petition of W. C. Parker and others, requesting that a part of the Fens be set aside for a children's playground; and the matter was referred to the Chairman for reply.

The Superintendent submitted proposals for repairing the Refectory roof, with a report from the Engineer thereon; and the matter was referred to Mr. Pratt.

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A communication from the Clerk of Committees recommending the settlement of the claim of Isabel A. Povall, for compensation for injuries caused by water flowing over South Fairview street, at its junction with Brookside street, referred by the Mayor, was received and referred to the Superintendent to report to the Chairman.

A communication from President Lefavour, transmitting the vote of the Corporation of Simmons College relative to agreement for restrictions on its land on the Fenway, was received; and the matter was referred to the Secretary to have an agreement drawn up by the Law Department.

A communication from the Edison Electric Illuminating Company, stating their intention to remove the wires and poles from Walnut avenue, was received and placed on file.

The communication from the State Treasurer, transmitting a bill for tide-water displacement, was referred to the Chairman to confer with the Mayor regarding its payment.

A communication from the Charlestown Improvement Association referring to defects in the asphalt floor of the shelter at Charlestown Heights, and the need of closing the shelter until repairs are made, also calling attention to the destruction of the gas and electric fixtures, was received and referred to the Superintendent for report.

Geo F Clarke
Sec'y

BOSTON, APRIL 27, 1903.

A meeting of the Board of Park Commissioners was held at 64 Pemberton square, at 3 P.M. Present Messrs Stratton and Pratt, also Superintendent Pettigrew and Engineer Putnam. The records of the last meeting were read and approved.

The following bids for erecting three sanitary buildings and a brick storehouse were received and read:

SANITARIES.

John A. Rooney,	Boston,	$13,895
W. L. Morrison Company,	"	14,337
John J. Flynn,	"	16,200

William Crane,	Boston,	$17,484
Charles H. Dodge Construction Company,	"	17,980
W. A. & H. A. Root,	"	20,990
C. A. Dodge & Company,	"	23,100
J. A. Colson & Son,	"	25,000

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Charles H. Dodge Construction Co.	Boston	10,455
William Crane,	"	11,416
J. J. Prindiville,	So.Framingham,	11,840
Holmes Brothers,	Boston,	11,900
W. A.& H. A. Root,	"	11,962
J. F. Flaherty,	"	12,140
Hapgood, Frost & Company,	"	12,689
H. A. Slokin & Company,	"	13,325
C. A. Dodge & Company,	"	13,497
William Riley,	"	13,618
J. J. Flynn,	"	14,940
J. A. Colson & Son.	"	18,000

The bids were taken under advisement.

The Superintendent submitted a report on the proposals for conducting a boat service at Marine Park; and the matter was referred back to the Superintendent to look up the recommendations of M. J. Lyons.

The Superintendent submitted a report on the proposals for roofing the Refectory building. Franklin Park; and it was

VOTED, to accept the proposal number 1 of the W. A. Murtfeldt Company.

The Superintendent submitted a report on the communication from Councilman Joseph F. Carter regarding the cost of a suitable building,and other recommendations,at the Cottage Street Playground; and the matter was referred to the Chairman for reply.

The Superintendent submitted a report on G. L. Richard's communication requesting permission to use the gymnasium at Wood Island Park for an athletic exhibition in May; and it was

VOTED, to grant the use of the gymnasium under the supervision of the Superintendent.

The Superintendent submitted a report on the communication from the Charlestown Improvement Association, relative to defects in Charlestown Heights' shelter; and the matter was referred to the Chairman for reply.

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The Superintendent submitted a report on the condition of the pigeons, recommending the purchase of new stock; and it was

VOTED, to authorize the Superintendent to expend twenty-five or thirty dollars therefor.

The Superintendent submitted proposals for fertilizer as follows:

Bradley Fertilizer Company,	$27.00 per ton.
Bowker Fertilizer Company,	27.15 " "
The Armour Fertilizer Works, ,	29.00 " "
Lowell Fertilizer Company,	29.75 " "

and it was

VOTED, to accept the lowest bid.

The Superintendent submitted a report on the order of the City Council requesting that the golf links be opened on holidays; and the matter was referred to the Chairman to reply through the Mayor.

A communication from the Board of Harbor & Land Commissioners, in answer to the Chairman's letter relative to payment for tide-water displacement, was received and placed on file.

A communication from Kilby Page, deferring negotiations for the sale of the land and willows until his return, was received and placed on file.

The application of Charles H. Atkinson for permit to sell ice-cream and tonics at Wood Island Park, on July 4th, was received and referred to the Superintendent with power to grant the request on such terms as he may deem desirable or necessary.

The Superintendent submitted a report on the communication of H. B. Woolston asking permission for the use of Fellows Street Playground for an hour or two each evening, for a class of young men; and the matter was referred to the Chairman for reply.

The Board voted to refuse the request of Clement H.Colman, in behalf of Mr. Sullivan, for a modification of the restrictions on the lot of land at the corner of Columbia Road and Buttonwood street.

The Secretary was authorized to make requisition on the Civil Service Commissioners for an assistant stenographer for temporary work.

The proposition of F. L. Morrison Company for furnishing

material and setting boiler at the First Street Playground for $312.00 was accepted. The matter of a concrete floor was referred to the Superintendent.

Communications from Brigadier General Crozier, Chief of Ordnance, stating that the United States Government is about to dispose of the armament of Fort Independence on Castle Island, and asking if there is any wish that the guns and carriages should be retained there, and, if so, whether the City of Boston would propose to purchase them; and from Acting Superintendent of Lamps Donovan, asking the Board to withdraw its objection to having the electric light poles transferred to the westerly side of Walnut avenue, were received and referred to the Chairman for reply.

A communication from the Boston Work Horse Parade Society requesting permission to use Commonwealth avenue, between Arlington street and Massachusetts avenue, for its parade on Memorial Day, was received; and it was

VOTED, to refuse the request.

The following bids received April 23 were considered:

Iron Fence Neponset Playground.

Rogers Iron Company,	Springfield, Ohio,	$429.00
G. W. Smith,	Waynesboro', Pa.	501.12
Van Dorn Iron Works,	Cleveland, Ohio.	532.22
W. A. Snow & Company,	Boston.	681.00
Boston Steel and Iron Co.,	Boston,	919.00

Iron Fence, First Street Playground.

Rogers Iron Company,	Springfield, Ohio,	$0.98 per foot
Van Dorn Iron Works,	Cleveland, Ohio.	1.22 " "

and it was

VOTED, to award the contract for both fences, without foundations, to the Rogers Iron Company.

Charles B. Perkins came before the Board and requested permission to carry the building material required for the construction of his house over the strip of park land between his land and Perkins street, also to maintain a water supply pipe in said strip; and the matter was taken under advisement.

Geo. F. Sedgley
Sec'y

BOSTON, MAY 4, 1903.

A meeting of the Board of Park Commissioners was held at the Chairman's office, 68 Devonshire street, at 3 P.M. Present Messrs Stratton and Prendergast, Mr. Pratt being absent from the City; also present Superintendent Pettigrew and Engineer Putnam. The records of the last meeting were read and approved.

The Board proceeded to organize for the ensuing year. The question of the election of a Chairman being put by the Secretary, Mr. Prendergast voted for Mr. Stratton; Mr. Stratton voted for Mr. Stratton. The question of the election of a secretary being put, Mr. Prendergast voted for George F. Clarke; Mr. Stratton voted for George F. Clarke.

VOTED, that the Chairman be authorized to approve drafts and bills.

VOTED, that Mr. Pratt be chairman pro tem.,and be authorized to approve drafts and bills in the absence of the chairman.

VOTED, that Mr. Prendergast be authorized to approve drafts and bills in the absence of the Chairman and Chairman pro tem.

VOTED, that the Chairman be authorized to sign contracts on behalf of the Board.

The Superintendent submitted a report on the communication from Cornelius P. Shea, Business Agent of Local 191 Team Drivers, referred by the Mayor, requesting that hired teams employed on the Department's water carts be paid $5.00 per day, was received and referred to the Chairman to reply to the Mayor.

The Superintendent submitted a report on the remonstrance from the Plumbers' Union against the Department's doing the plumbing work on new buildings, and recommended that the plumbing for the sanitary buildings be let by contract. It was, thereupon

VOTED, to request the Architect for the sanitary buildings to secure bids for the plumbing and submit them to the Board.

A request for the appointment of Thomas J. Murphy as a special police officer at West Roxbury Parkway was signed and sent to the Mayor for his approval.

A request of the Bath Trustees for the transfer of the beach at Charlestown Heights for the season beginning June 15, 1903 and ending June 15, 1904, and requesting authority to erect a temporary building for bathing purposes, was received; and it was

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VOTED, that the care and control of the beach at Charlestown Heights be transferred to the Bath Trustees, at their request, from June 15, 1903 to June 15, 1904, reserving the right to this Board to revoke the authority hereby given at any time in its discretion and with the approval of the Mayor.

It was also

VOTED, to notify the Bath Trustees to submit to the Board the plans for the building they propose to erect.

Communications from the Police Board, in reply to letters of the Board of April 28 and 30, calling their attention to the depredations of boys at Neponset Playground, the infingement of rules by automobiles, and the picking and peddling of flowers in Olmsted Park, were received and placed on file.

A communication from the President of Simmons College, relative to the wording of the vote of the Corporation in regard to placing restrictions on the land of the College, was received and referred to the Secretary for reply.

A communication from Councilman Thomas B. Bradley, relative to an order introduced in the Common Council requesting that the Strandway Playground be loamed and rolled for baseball, was received and referred to the Superintendent for report.

VOTED, that the employees of this Department be given a holiday, without loss of pay, on such day as they may select with the consent of the Superintendent, for the purpose of holding their annual picnic.

The contracts for the stone sanitary buildings and brick storehouse, the bids for which were received at the last meeting, were awarded to the lowest bidders.

VOTED, that the boat privilege at Marine Park be leased to Robert B. Hudson for five years, at an annual rental of one hundred and eighty dollars for the first three years, two hundred dollars for the fourth, and two hundred and fifty dollars for the fifth year.

VOTED, that Charles B. Perkins be authorized to maintain and use a water supply pipe as now laid in Olmsted Park, from Perkins street to land of the said Perkins, until such time as this Board, or any board or department having charge of said park, shall notify in writing the said Perkins of its intention to revoke and terminate the license hereby given;

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whereupon said license shall immediately terminate and the said pipe laid in said land shall be abandoned by said Perkins and shall become the property of the City of Boston.

Geo. F. Clarke
Sec'y

BOSTON, MAY 11, 1903.

A meeting of the Board of Park Commissioners was held at the Chairman's office, 68 Devonshire street, at 3 P.M. Present Messrs Stratton and Prendergast. The records of the last meeting were read and approved.

A request from Warren Brothers Company for permission to haul stone over Commonwealth avenue, between Arlington and Berkeley streets, with a report from the Superintendent recommending that the request be not granted, was received; and the Secretary was directed to notify them in accordance therewith.

An order of the City Council requesting that tennis courts be constructed on the Washington Street Playground, also an order of the Common Council requesting that the Strandway Playground be rolled and the ball diamond paved with gravel, with reports from the Superintendent thereon, were read and referred to the Chairman for reply.

A request for the appointment of Howard B. Woolston as a special police officer at Swett Street Playground was signed and sent to the Mayor for his approval.

A petition for a speedway between the Strandway and proposed Old Colony avenue, referred to this Department by the City Council, was received and referred to the Superintendent for report.

A communication from Wales & Holt in regard to the concrete floor for the bathroom and lavatory at the First Street Playground, was received and referred to the Superintendent.

Geo. F. Clarke
Sec'y.

BOSTON, MAY 18, 1903.

A meeting of the Board of Park Commissioners was held at Pine Bank at 3.30 P.M. Present Messrs Stratton, Pratt, and Prendergast, also Superintendent Pettigrew and Engineer Putnam. The records of the last meeting were read and approved.

The Superintendent submitted a report on the recom endation of Wales & Holt in regard to the concrete floor for the bathroom and lavatory at the First Street Playground; and it was

VOTED, to accept the proposal of the W. L. Morrison Company to do the work for $375.

The Superintendent submitted a report on the seating accommodations in various parts of the park system; and it was

VOTED, to appropriate $500 for stock for new seats.

The Superintendent submitted a report on Councilman Ware's request for the appointment of C. J. Harrington, a veteran, on the labor force; and the Secretary was directed to reply that the Board regrets that it is impossible to make any additions to the present force.

The Superintendent submitted a report on the petition of J. F. Harrison and others for a speedway between the Strandway and proposed Old Colony avenue; and the matter was referred to the Chairman for reply.

The Superintendent submitted a report on the application of Charles Fottler for the privilege of keeping a checking room and selling refreshments at the skating house on Franklin Field; and it was

VOTED, not to grant the request.

The Superintendent submitted a report on the order of the Common Council requesting that the Park Department carpenters be paid the same wages as the carpenters employed in the Street Department; and the matter was placed on file.

The Superintendent submitted a report on the order of the Common Council requesting information as to the work it is proposed to do on Charlestown Playground; and the matter was referred to the Chairman for reply.

The Superintendent submitted a report on the order of the Common Council requesting that gravel tennis courts be constructed on Christopher Gibson Playground; and the matter was referred to the Chairman for reply.

An order of the Board of Aldermen requesting that permanent seats be placed in Roslindale Playground,and that the

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Washington Street Playground be put in good condition, was received and referred to the Superintendent for report.

A communication from President Lefavour of Simmons College, enclosing agreement for restrictions on its land on the Fenway, was received and referred to the Secretary for report.

A communication from William J. Leonard, Chairman of the Playground Committee of the Jamaica Plain Citizen's Association, in reply to a letter from the Chairman relative to leasing land for playground purposes in Jamaica Plain, was received and placed on file.

A request from the Management of the Fresh Air Fund for permission to hold a series of picnics at Franklin Park, for five days beginning July 21, was received; and it was

VOTED, that the Managers of the Fresh Air Fund be authorized to hold a series of picnics at Long Crouch Woods, for five days beginning July 21, under the usual conditions and with the same privileges that have been accorded them in past years.

A communication from the Civil Service Commission authorizing the employment of a temporary stenographer was laid before the Board by the Secretary.

Communications from the Police Department, relative to additional police protection at Wood Island Park, and the prevention of cattle-grazing in West Roxbury Parkway, were received and placed on file.

An acknowledgment from the State Executive Committee of the Young Men's Christian Associations of Massachusetts and Rhode Island, of the courtesy of the Board in allowing the use of Wood Island Park for the Athletic Meet of the Associations. was received and placed on file.

An application from John Bronkhorst, for permission to place a refreshment stand near the L-Street bathhouse, was received and referred to the Superintendent for report.

A communication from A. L. Longfellow, recommending the omission of a hot water supply from the equipment of the new sanitary buildings, and that estimates for plumbing be limited to a few reliable plumbers, was received; and it was

VOTED, to approve Mr. Longfellow's recommendations.

A communication from William J. Leonard, Chairman of the Playground Committee of the Jamaica Plain Citizen's Association, calling the attention of the Board to land on Washington

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street, between Green street and Greenwood avenue, as suitable for a playground, was received and referred to the Superintendent.

The Superintendent submitted a list of books, and proposals for furnishing the same, for the Franklin Park library; and it was

VOTED, to accept the lowest bid.

Geo. F. Clarke
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BOSTON, MAY 20, 1903.

A special meeting of the Board of Park Commissioners was held at Olmsted Park at 3 P.M. Present Messrs Stratton, Pratt, and Prendergast.

The Board inspected the model of the Francis Parkman memorial, and visited the location proposed for it on the site of Mr. Parkman's house; and it was, thereupon

VOTED, that the design of the proposed memorial to Francis Parkman, by Daniel C. French, be approved, and that the site selected by the committee in charge thereof be assigned for the erection of said memorial.

Geo. F. Clarke
Sec'y

BOSTON, MAY 25, 1903.

A meeting of the Board of Park Commissioners was held at Pine Bank office at 3.30 P.M. Present Messrs Stratton and Pratt, also present Superintendent Pettigrew and Engineer Putnam. The records of the last meeting were read and approved.

The Superintendent submitted a report on the correspondence between the Supervisor of Branches and Stations of the Public Library and Miss Perry, Custodian at the Franklin Park

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library, regarding suggestions for its improvement.

The Superintendent submitted a report on the orders of the City Council relative to improvements at Charlestown Playground, and that hand-ball courts be erected there; and the matter was referred to the Chairman for reply.

The Superintendent submitted a report on the order of the Board of Aldermen requesting that permanent seats be placed in Roslindale Playground, and that the Washington Street Playground be put in proper condition; and the matter was referred to the Chairman for reply.

The Superintendent submitted a report on the application of John Bronkhorst for the refreshment privileges near the L-Street Bathhouse; and it was

VOTED, to refuse the request.

The Superintendent submitted a report on the communication from the Civil Service Commission regarding complaint that men are employed in violation of Civil Service rules; and the matter was referred to the Secretary for reply.

The Superintendent submitted a report on the request of the Dahlgren Corps #20, for permission to occupy the water front on the Strandway, for a Memorial Day service; and the Secretary was directed to reply that the Board is pleased to grant the privilege upon condition that the Corps does not bring a band into the Park or do any marching.

On the Superintendent's recommendation, it was

VOTED, that he be authorized to purchase a new sprinkling wagon.

The Superintendent submitted a sketch of aand-court pavilions for Mystic and Fellows street playgrounds; and it was

VOTED, to authorize the Superintendent to build the same.

The Superintendent submitted a report on the communication of G. F. Burkhardt offering to sell land on Mozart street, corner of Bolster street, Ward 22, for a playground.

A communication from Senator H. C. Lodge, stating that he would try and secure the passage of a bill in Congress to donate the cannon and gun carriages on Castle Island to the City of Boston, was received and placed on file.

Communications from the Board of Police relative to children peddling flowers in the parks, and to persons loafing under Stony Brook bridge, were received and placed on file.

An application from Miss Mary C. Locke for position as

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teacher at one of the playgrounds, and recommendation from Senator F. S. Gore, recommending John O'Reilly for position of instructor at M-Street Playground, were received and placed on file.

The Superintendent was directed to advertise for about 4000 cubic yards of loam for Commonwealth avenue, the proposals to be received at Pine Bank office, June 8, at 3.30 P.M.

A plan from the Metropolitan Water and Sewerage Board, dated August 1, 1902, showing location for a pipe in Arborway to connect with the water meter in South street, was approved; and the Secretary was authorized to issue a permit.

The Superintendent was directed to report as to what part of the Marcella Street Home property can be used to advantage as a playground.

VOTED, that the Superintendent make arrangements with the Committee on the Seventeenth of June Celebration to take charge of the granting of permits for the sale of refreshments and similar purposes, on said day, as in former years, at Charlestown Playground.

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BOSTON, JUNE 2, 1903.

A meeting of the Board of Park Commissioners was held at Pine Bank at 3.30 P.M. Present Messrs Stratton and Pratt, also present Superintendent Pettigrew and Engineer Putnam. The records of the last meeting were read and approved.

The Superintendent submitted reports on complaint of insufficient force of water at the sanitary building, Franklin Field, on erection of fence at the House of the Good Shepherd on the Riverway, and on rebuilding portions of the Arboretum wall, which were read and placed on file.

The Superintendent submitted a report on Alderman Trothingham's inquiry regarding gymnastic apparatus at North Brighton Playground; and it was

VOTED, to authorize the Superintendent to procure apparatus for the same, at an expense of $500.

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The Superintendent submitted a report on the request of Mary E. Spear for a division fence between her estate and Neponset Playground; and the matter was referred to the Superintendent to see if Miss Spear will contribute one-half the cost.

The Superintendent submitted a report on the communication from Thomas E. Doherty, President of the Harvard Improvement Association, regarding the filling of the old ditch on Talbot avenue; and it was

VOTED, to authorize the Superintendent to do the work at an expense of about $300.

The Superintendent's reports on the communication from William J. Leonard, Chairman of the Playground Committee of the Jamaica Plain Citizen's Association, regarding the leasing of the vacant land at the corner of Green street and Greenwood avenue for a playground; on the Park Department entries in the Work Horse Parade on Memorial Day; on the application of Mrs. Curley for the amount due Patrick Tyrles; and on the disability of James O'Brien, veteran, to perform a sub-foreman's duties, were read and placed on file.

The Superintendent recommended an appropriation of $200 for laying a water pipe to the William's barn, for fire protection purposes; and it was

VOTED, to authorize the Superintendent to do the work.

The Superintendent submitted a plan for developing the Cottage Street Playground; and it was

VOTED, to do the work in accordance therewith, the expense thereof to be charged to the special appropriation for Playground Ward 2.

A request of W. F. Prescott for permission to sell lemonade and ice-cream to those attending the picnic of the First M. E. Church of Medford, to be held in Dorchester Park, June 17, was received and referred to the Superintendent.

A communication from Professor Charles S. Sargent in regard to a proposed plan for an exchange of land between the Art Museum and the City, also a communication from the Music Department submitting a schedule of band concerts to be given during the coming summer, were received and referred to the Chairman.

A communication from A. W. Longfellow relative to plumbing estimates for the sanitary buildings was received, and the following proposals were opened and read:

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D. J. Kinnaly,	$1875	$1625	$1885
Kelly & Gaffey,	1769	1268	1649
John F. Donlon,	1915	1535	1375
John C. Kelly,	1525	1225	1599

Mr. Kinnaly's bid was not accompanied by a certified check. Subsequently it was

VOTED, to accept the lowest bids.

Communications from Dr. C. T. Dean, Secretary of the California Petroleum Miners' Association, relative to the cost of oil for street sprinkling purposes; from Dr. Samuel H. Durgin, Chairman of the Board of Health, relative to flushing the waterways of the Fens; and from Brigadier General Crozier, transmitted through Hon. H. C. Lodge, relative to the disposition of the old guns and carriages at Fort Independence, were received and placed on file.

A communication from Adjutant General Samuel Dalton, in regard to the use of Commonwealth avenue for the formation of the militia on June 25, transmitted through Superintendent Landy of the State Arsenal, together with a report from the Superintendent in regard thereto, was considered; and the matter was referred to the Superintendent to confer with Superintendent Landy in regard to the arrangements it is desired to make.

Geo. F. Clarke
Sec'y

BOSTON, JUNE 8, 1903.

A meeting of the Board of Park Commissioners was held at Pine Bank at 3.30 P.M. Present Messrs Stratton and Pratt, also present Superintendent Pettigrew and Engineer Putnam. The records of the last meeting were read and approved.

The following bids for loam for Commonwealth avenue were opened and read:

W. J. McCarty,	1000 yards,	$1.25
T. J. Shea,	2000 "	1.05
D. H. Sullivan,	4000 "	1.20
D. Lynch,	4000 "	1.75
P. W. Fagan,	4000 "	1.35

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The bids were taken under advisement.

The Superintendent submitted reports on the Common Council orders regarding the establishment of a swimming pool in Franklin Park, the placing of seats around the Playstead; also orders regarding a water fountain at Cottage Street Playground, and requesting that the Massachusetts Avenue Playground be loamed and rolled, and seats provided; and the various matters were referred to the Chairman to report thereon to the Mayor.

The Superintendent submitted reports on Miss Christine J. Nissen's proposition to give musical concerts from a raft in Jamaica Pond, the application of Lieutenant Sughrue for additional accommodations at Marine Park, and of Superintendent Landy that water be supplied the veterans on Boston Common, June 25; and the several matters were referred to the Secretary for reply.

VOTED, to authorize the Superintendent to advertise for proposals for rebuilding such parts of the Arboretum wall as are in a dangerous condition.

A request of the Washington Village Yacht Club for a location on the Strandway was received, and referred to the Superintendent for report.

A request of R. E. Goff for a permit to maintain a merry-go-round on Charlestown Playground, from June 10 to and including June 20, was received; and the Secretary was directed to reply, that the Board cannot grant a permit for further time than the Committee on the Seventeenth of June Celebration is authorized to give permits.

A committee of the Jamaica Plain Citizen's Association came before the Board in regard to arrangements for the Fourth of July Celebration. Mr. M. J. Murray introduced the matter by stating that the Committee was here on the proposed celebration of July 4th at Jamaica Pond. He said that the Commissioners are familiar with the privileges granted in the past; and that, while desiring to retain these features of the celebration, they desired extra privileges this year. He said that the Committee estimated that fully fifty thousand people come here from all parts of the City; the celebration is given partly by the aid of money furnished by the City, but also from money subscribed by the citizens. He said that the Committee thought they could ask on the Fourth some privileges which the Commissioners would not consider at

other times. He then called upon Mr. Balcom, who stated that the Committee proposed to give an evening entertainment by illuminating the pond and displaying fireworks from the raft and also from the cove near Eliot street. They also proposed having a boat carnival with Japanese lanterns, and prizes for the best display. The Committee, he said, wanted to get some of the younger college men for single and double shells, and also to get up local races as in former years. The Committee also have in mind a baloon ascension; also tub race, swimming races and band concerts.

Professor Vogel of the Committee stated, that they proposed to erect a bandstand and give concerts, morning, afternoon and evening. He said that an oration had been delivered on the Park property one year: he would like to know if the Board would allow that.

The Chairman stated, that, while as a general proposition there is no harm in a partiotic oration on the Fourth of July, the Board believes that our predecessors had good reasons for making the rule prohibiting all orations in the parks, and that it should not be relaxed.

Mr. Clark of the Committee stated that it was a great privilege to the people outside of Jamaica Plain to come to Jamaica Pond on the Fourth of July, and that hardly any city in the Union has such a fine body of water for such sports and displays.

The Chairman said that the Board would take the matter under consideration; and, subsequently, referred it to the Superintendent.

VOTED, that the salary of the Superintendent of Parks be increased from $3600 to $4200 per annum.

Geo. F. Clarke
Sec'y

BOSTON, JUNE 15, 1903.

A meeting of the Board of Park Commissioners was held at the Chairman's office, 68 Devonshire street, at 3 P.M. Present Messrs Stratton, Pratt, and Prendergast, also present Superintendent Pettigrew and Engineer Putnam. The records of the last meeting were read and approved.

The Superintendent submitted a report on the arrangement made by the Committee on the 17th of June celebration, in regard to issuing permits at Charlestown Playground on June 17, which was placed on file.

The Superintendent submitted a report on the communication from Mr. E. W. Howe relating to James C. Steinebrey; and it was

VOTED, that the Superintendent be authorized to reduce Mr. Steinebrey's pay to $2.25 per day.

The Superintendent submitted a report recommending sundry increases of wages for mechanics; and it was

VOTED, that the pay of the following named mechanics in the employ of this Department be increased in accordance with the amounts severally set against their names:

Charles G. Corliss, blacksmith in charge of blacksmithing force	from	$3.00	to	$3.50	per day.
Bartholomew M. Ryan, horseshoer,	"	2.25	"	2.50	" "
Dennis Hurley, mason,	"	2.75	"	3.00	" "
Martin Feeley, pipe-fitter,	"	2.25	"	2.50	" "
Martin Lyons, in charge of pruning gang	2.00	"	2.25	"	"
James P. Ford, wagon blacksmith,	"	2.75	"	3.00	" "

The Superintendent submitted a statement of the construction account; and it was

VOTED, to authorize the Superintendent to discharge men, when, in his judgment, he deems it necessary.

The Superintendent submitted reports on the orders of the Common Council requesting the erection of a shelter at Fellows Street Playground and a hand-ball court at the Massachusetts Avenue Playground, which were referred to the Chairman for reply.

The Superintendent submitted a report on the following bids for winter uniforms:

H. B. Spitz.

Felt coats --#1	$1.73	sheepskin coats--#3	$2.73
" " --#2	1.71	" " --#4	2.52

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H. B. Spitz.

Pants--#5	$0.61	shirts-- #7	Indigo	$1.83	Caps--#13	$0.64
" --#6	.77	" --#8	"	1.85	" --#14	.68
		" --#9	"	1.74		
		" -#10	Alizara	1.88		
		" -#11	"	1.90		
		" -#12	"	1.36 1/2		

Union Hat Company.

Duck coats, felt lined--$1.85. Pants--$0.60 Shirts--$1.85 caps--$0.85 Duck coats, sheep lined--$2.45

Falvey Brothers Company.

Felt-lined coats--#1 $1.95 Sheepskin coat--#5 $2.35. Shirts--#3 $2.12

and it was

VOTED, to authorize the Superintendent to accept the lowest bids.

The Superintendent submitted a report on the request that C. Q Colby be appointed caretaker at Neponset Playground; and the matter was placed on file.

A complaint of the Building Trades Council of non-Union wages paid to plumbers in the Park Department, also reports from the Superintendent on the improvement of Prince Street Playground and on wages paid masons, were received and referred to the Chairman.

Communications from the Superintendent of Streets relative to construction of crosswalk over Washington street at Forest Hills, and from the Board of Police regarding the peddling of flowers in the parkway, and the action of the judge in declining to entertain complaints against children under seven years of age, were received and placed on file.

Communications from Mrs. R. G. Shaw relative to a tree planted by her on Commonwealth avenue, and from George A. Torrey relative to the Elevated Railway tracks on Dartmouth street at the crossing of Commonwealth avenue, were received and referred to the Secretary for reply.

An order of the City Council requesting that the Charlestown Heights shelter be put in condition for use was received, and referred to the Chairman for reply.

Geo. F. Clarke
Sec'y.

BOSTON, JUNE 23, 1903.

A meeting of the Board of Park Commissioners was held at the Chairman's office, 68 Devonshire street, at 3 P.M. Present Messrs Stratton, Pratt, and Prendergast; also Superintendent Pettigrew and Engineer Putnam. The records of the last meeting were read and approved.

The Superintendent submitted a report on the request of the New England Telephone and Telegraph Company to place temporary wires across the Strandway to the Public Landing; and the matter was referred to the Superintendent to see if the Company will put the wires underground.

The Superintendent submitted a report on the programme submitted by the Jamaica Plain Citizen's Association, for July 4th; and it was

VOTED, to grant the Jamaica Plain Citizen's Association the use of Jamaica Pond and adjacent grounds, July 4th, for the same purposes and under the same conditions as last year, provided that sufficient police is furnished to protect the shrubs and trees from damage, and that all the arrangements shall be satisfactory to the Superintendent of Parks.

The Superintendent submitted a report on the application of the Boston Construction Company for permission to team material required for the construction of houses on Peterboro' street through Audubon Road; and it was

VOTED, to refuse the request.

Applications were made to the Board of Police for the reappointment as special police officers of James F. Hurley, at Neponset Playground, and Jeremiah J. Downey. at Christopher Gibson Playground and Savin Hill Beach.

Executive Circular, number 20, appointing Thursday, June 25, a holiday in honor of the exercises in connection with the dedication of the statue of Major General Joseph Hooker; and Executive Circular, number 19, directing heads of departments to allow leave of absence, without loss of pay, as part compensation for their services, to employees who are members of the M. V. M., on annual muster days and such other days as they may be called upon to perform similar services, were received; and it was

VOTED, to allow holidays in accordance therewith.

A request from the Metropolitan Park Commission for approval of grant of right of way to the Tileston and Hollingsworth Company, Neponset River Reservation, in accordance with

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plan No. 416, dated April 8, 1903, was received; and the concurrence thereto was signed by the Board.

Messrs Woodbury & Leighton came before the Board, and submitted a plan of the chimneys, skylights, and ventilators erected on the Westminster Chambers, and requested the Board to approve the same under chapter 452 of the acts of 1893. The Board took the matter under advisement, and subsequently referred the plan to Professor F. W. Chandler.

Geo. F. Clarke,
Sec'y.

BOSTON, JUNE 30, 1903.

A meeting of the Board of Park Commissioners was held at Pine Bank office, at 3.30 P.M. Present Messrs Stratton and Pratt; also present Superintendent Pettigrew and Engineer Putnam. The records of the last meeting were read and approved.

The Superintendent submitted a report recommending the temporary discontinuance of the watering of the bridle-paths; and he was authorized to discontinue it.

The Superintendent submitted a report on the request of the Edison Electric Illuminating Company to string a wire from Pine Bank to the boat landing, for use on July 4th; and the matter was referred to the Superintendent.

The Superintendent submitted a report on the condition of the grass spaces on the line of the Boston Elevated Railway tracks on Columbia Road; and the matter was referred to Mr. Prendergast.

The Superintendent submitted a report on an athletic instructor for First Street Playground, which was placed on file.

The Superintendent submitted a report on the loam offered for Commonwealth avenue; and it was

VOTED, to accept the bid of T. J. Shea, the lowest bidder, and to authorize the Superintendent to purchase loam from any parties at the same rate.

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The Superintendent submitted a report on the cost of a brick sidewalk crossing Commonwealth avenue opposite Kenmore street; and it was

VOTED, to authorize the Superintendent to lay the walk.

The Superintendent submitted a report on the communication of the New England Telephone & Telegraph Company in regard to a telephone wire to the boat landing at Marine Park, which was placed on file.

A communication from George Hansen, to the Superintendent, on the subject of oiled roads, and letter from L. L. Ward regarding arrangements for the exchange of books at the reading-room, were received and placed on file.

A request of the Roslindale Athletic Association to use Roslindale Playground on the evening of July 4th, for fireworks, also for sports and band-concert during the day, was received; and it was

VOTED, that the Roslindale Athletic Association be permitted to use Roslindale Playground for a band concert, sports, and a display of fireworks, on July 4th, provided all the arrangements therefor, including a sufficient detail of police, be made satisfactory to the Superintendent of Parks.

Communications from Clerk of Committees John F. Dever, relative to the use of the parks for the Fourth of July celebrations, and requesting that a one-mile track be measured and laid out at Franklin Park, for bicycle races on July 4th, were received; and it was

VOTED, that the Special Committee in Charge of the Celebration of July 4th, be given permission to give band concerts and exhibitions of fireworks at Marine Park and Christopher Gibson Playground, athletic games and fireworks at North End Park and Wood Island Park, fireworks at Franklin Field, bicycle races at Franklin Park, and games at Charlesbank, First Street Playground and Strandway Playground; provided all the arrangements for said events be made satisfactory to the Superintendent of Parks, including a sufficient detail of police to protect the trees and shrubs from damage.

A communication from Professor F. W. Chandler relative to approval of plans for elevations above the roof of Westminster Chambers, was received and referred to the Secretary to obtain from Woodbury & Leighton further information in regard to the plan.

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A communication from Henry Howard suggesting that the State license number for automobiles be substituted for the Park number was received; and it was

VOTED, that the regulations for the use of motor vehicles be amended by striking out from the first rule the words "shall have the number of its permit conspicuously displayed in Arabic figures not less than one inch in height on its lamps, and not less than two inches in height on its rear"; and that the rule as amended be placed at the end of the regulations instead of at the beginning.

A request of the U. S. Volunteer Life Saving Corps of Massachusetts for a room at Charlesbank men's gymnasium, for storage of supplies and as a meeting place for members of the Crew, was received and referred to the Superintendent.

A communication from S. D. Balkam, acknowledging receipt of vote of the Board granting permission for the use of Olmsted Park, July 4th, was received and placed on file.

A communication from Charles C. Smith, Treasurer Massachusetts Historical Society, calling attention to the fact that the gutter in front of the building is too low to allow the water to run off, was received and referred to the Superintendent.

Propositions for furnishing anchor bases for iron fences from the Rogers Iron Company of Springfield, Ohio, at $2.44 each for bases and 65 cents each for the centre panel anchors; and from the G. W. & F. Smith Iron Company, at 3 1/4 cents per pound, were received; and it was

VOTED, to accept the lowest bid.

VOTED, that the City Treasurer be requested to pay Mary O'Toole, widow of James O'Toole, the amount due him on the pay-rolls of this Department.

Geo. F. Clarke
Sec'y

BOSTON, JULY 7, 1903.

A meeting of the Board of Park Commissioners was held at Pine Bank office at 4 P.M. Present Messrs Stratton, Pratt. and Prendergast; also present Superintendent Pettigrew and

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Engineer Putnam. The records of the last meeting were read and approved.

The Superintendent submitted a report on the complaint of Timothy Sullivan that the men are not employed at all times when they might be employed, which was placed on file.

The Superintendent submitted a report on the complaint of J. Messina of the breakage of glass from ball playing at the Cottage Street Playground, East Boston, which was placed on file.

The Superintendent submitted a report on the petition of G. Herbert Windeler and others for a bowling green at Franklin Park; and it was

VOTED, that the Superintendent be authorized to construct a bowling green at Franklin Field, at an expense not exceeding $200.

The Superintendent submitted a report on the petition of the U. S. Volunteer Life Saving Corps for the use of a room at Charlesbank; and the matter was referred to the Secretary for reply.

The Superintendent submitted areport on the need of painting the electric light poles; and the matter was referred to the Chairman to communicate with the Electric Light Company.

The Superintendent submitted a report on a new tide-gate at Savin Hill Beach and the need of extra filling along the top of the dam; and it was

VOTED, that the Superintendent be authorized to construct a new tide-gate at an expense of $300, and to expend $250 for filling on top of the dam.

The Superintendent submitted areport on the depth of the channel at the Castle Island boat landing; and it was

VOTED, that the Superintendent be authorized to expend $750 in dredging.

The Superintendent submitted a report on the advisability of grading the space opposite the Public Landing, extending down to the South Boston Yacht Club house, on the Strandway; and it was

VOTED, that the Superintendent be authorized to grade the space opposite the Public Landing, in connection with the work being done between the Head House and the Landing.

A communication from Woodbury & Leighton relative to chimneys, ventilators, etc., on the roof of Westminster Chambers was received; and it was

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VOTED, to approve the elevations on Westminster chambers above ninety feet, as shown on the plan dated June 22, 1903, with additions made July 2, 1903, on file in the office of this Board.

Communications from the Board of Police relating to details for July 3 and 4, and from Patrick McKenzie, in behalf of the Park Assembly of Knights of Labor, acknowledging the contribution of the Board to the picnic fund, were received and placed on file.

A communication from Samuel F. Batchelder, accompanying a petition from the residents and property owners in the neighborhood of #48 Beacon street, for the establishment of a building line upon the exterior line of Beacon street abutting on the Common, was received and referred to the Law Department.

A communication, by telephone, from George Lawley, relating to the application of Mr. Williams for a liquor license on P street, near Second street, South Boston, was received and referred to the Chairman.

A communication from the Music Trustees, transmitting a schedule of summer concerts to be given in the parks, was received; and it was

VOTED, to approve the schedule of concerts submitted by the Music Trustees, provided that the concert at Franklin Park be given in the afternoon.

The Superintendent submitted a report on the communication from Andrew Houghton relative to the case of James O'Brien, sub-foreman; and the matter was referred to the Chairman for reply.

The Superintendent submitted a report on the petition from the carpenters in the Department, claiming that they do not receive Union wages, which was placed on file.

A communication was received from the Massachusetts Highway Commission, relative to the registration of automobiles; and the Secretary was directed to send them a copy of the amended rules relating to motor vehicles.

A communication was received from the Mosquito Fleet Yacht Club, requesting that they be given additional land to make their lot on the Strandway 200 feet wide; and the matter was referred to the Superintendent for report.

John J. Cronan, Business Agent of the Stone Masons' Union No. 9, came before the Board and stated, with reference to the

employment of masons in the Department, that no man who belongs to the Union will work for less than $4.00 perday, irrespective of the question whether he gets steady work or not. The Union takes the ground, that, no matter how long a man works, if he fills a mason's place, he should receive a mason's pay. Referring to the wages of masons in the Department, he said, you could not get a competent man to work at that scale. He also said that contractors do not employ Union men as a rule, although the Master Builders pay the Union scale, and that contracts ought to be given to men who agree to employ Union men only.

VOTED, that the general rules adopted by this Board October 11, 1902,be amended by striking out all regulations after rule 7; and that said rules as amended be adopted for all playgrounds in charge of this Board so far as they apply.

VOTED, that the following rules and regulations be adopted by the Board:

Within five hundred feet of a parkway or boundary road of any park in charge of the Park Commissioners of the City of Boston

No person shall erect on land abutting upon such parkway or road, or upon a public way connecting therewith, any fence more than six feet in height, or constructed otherwise than of stone, metal, or ornamental work, or of palings separated by spaces not less than one inch in width..

No person shall display upon any such land, or in or near to and visible from any such park or parkway, any sign, poster or advertisement, except such as relates only to the business conducted on the premises by any owner or occupant thereof; and none such shall be so displayed on the outside of a building, except signs, on stone, metal, wood, or glass, not exceeding fifteen inches in width, and these shall be displayed only on windows, one on each side of any entrance, and one on one other place; PROVIDED, HOWEVER, that signs, posters or advertisements, not exceeding in size three feet by four feet and relating only to the selling or letting of premises, may be displayed as aforesaid on such premises; and PROVIDED, FURTHER, that no sign, poster or advertisement shall be displayed as aforesaid on or above a roof or by painting on a building,wall, or fence.

No person shall ill-use, or hitch any animal to, or allow

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any animal in his charge to injure, any tree, seat, standpipe, fountain, or work of art on any such boundary road or public way; or, except as authorized in a written permit of said Park Commissioners, plant or trim any such tree.

Geo. F. Clarke
Sec'y

BOSTON, JULY 20, 1903.

A meeting of the Board of Park Commissioners was held at the Chairman's office, 68 Devonshire street, at 12.30 P.M. Present Messrs Stratton, Pratt, and Prendergast. The records of the last meeting were read and approved.

A report on bathing at the L-street bathhouse was received from the Superintendent, and referred to the Chairman to confer with the Bath Department.

A report on the amount due Patrick Tyrles was received from the Superintendent and laid over.

A report on the request of Robert B. Hudson, that he be permitted to furnish music at the Public Landing, Marine Park, on Sundays and holidays, was received from the Superintendent and referred to the Chairman.

Reports from the Superintendent on lighting the bathing raft, and putting sand on the beach at Marine Park, on Mr. D. L. Prendergast's suggestion for additional lights at the pier at Marine Park, and on Mr. George U. Crocker's communication of July 16, in regard to lighting the Arboretum gates, were received and placed on file.

A report was received from the Superintendent on the removal of tracks from Dartmouth street, and the offer of the Boston Elevated Railway Company to pay $200 towards the cost of restoring Dartmouth street to its original condition, was received and referred to the Chairman.

A communication from Arthur J. Selfridge acknowledging the action of the Board in providing a bowling green at Franklin Field, was received and placed on file.

A communication from the W. L. Morrison Company agreeing to replace the floor of bathroom in locker building at First

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Street Playground, in case of leaks, was received and referred to the Secretary to confer with the Law Department regarding a proper guarantee from them.

A communication from R. Clipston Sturgis requesting permission to store material on Prince Street Playground, for a new schoolhouse to be erected near there, was received and referred to the Superintendent for report.

Communications from the Board of Police stating that a liquor license on P street, near Second street, will not be granted; and from the Music Trustees transmitting a corrected copy of the schedule of summer concerts, were received and placed on file.

A communication from Thomas F. Doherty relative to filling the old brook in Franklin Field, near Talbot avenue, was received.and referred to the Superintendent for report.

A request of the Board of Election Commissioners for leave to place voting booths on Oak Square and on Charlestown and Prince Street Playgrounds, was received and referred to the Superintendent for report.

A request of the Edison Electric Illuminating Company to run an emergency automobile,at all hours,in the parks, was received and referred to the Secretary for reply.

A request of St. Margaret's Church Society for permission for Mr. Hudgens to use six burros on Columbia Road, in connection with a garden party, July 30, was received and referred to the Superintendent for report.

An agreement of the Eastern Dredging Company to dredge the Castle Island channel at Pleasure Bay, at the rate of $175 per day, was received and accepted.

A communication from the Edison Electric Illuminating Company relative to painting the electric light poles in the parks was received and placed on file.

A communication from the Corporation Counsel in regard to the petition relating to the erection of a high building at #48 Beacon street, was received and referred to the Chairman.

A petition was received from Henry B. Goodenough and others, that the pond in Rogers Park be not filled,.and requesting a hearing should the Board still desire to fill the pond;and the matter was laid over.

The Board estimated the expense of taking 197,487 square feet of land,formerly a part of the Marcella Street Home and

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belonging to the City of Boston, at nothing; and passed the following act taking said land for a public playground:-

In Board of Park Commissioners,

July 20, 1903.

The Board of Park Commissioners of the City of Boston, by virtue and in part execution of the authority given to it by chapter 28 of the Revised Laws of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts, does hereby take in fee for a public playground the following described parcel of land situate in that part of Boston formerly Roxbury; namely,-

A parcel of land belonging to the City of Boston, bounded northeasterly by Highland street by a straight line, 111 and 27/100 feet; northeasterly and easterly by the junction of Highland and Marcella streets, by a curved line of 440 feet radius, 89 and 68/100 feet, and by a curved line of 206 feet radius, 165 and 44/100 feet; easterly by Marcella street by a straight line 360 and 14/100 feet; southeasterly by the junction of Marcella and Ritchie streets by a curved line of 90 feet radius, 128 and 32/100 feet; southerly and southwesterly by said Ritchie street by a straight line 156 and 55/100 feet, by a curved line of 181 feet radius, 115 and 27/100 feet, and by a straight line 77 and 68/100 feet, westerly and northwesterly by other land of the City of Boston by two lines, 400 feet and 217 and 77/100 feet: containing 197,487 square feet, more or less.

Said parcel of land being shown on a plan dated July 20, 1903, signed by William Jackson, City Engineer, and deposited in his office, a copy whereof is filed in the Registry of Deeds for the County of Suffolk.

Charles E.Stratton,
Laban Pratt,
James M. Prendergast.
The Board of Park Commissioners.
of the City of Boston.

Geo. F. Clarke
Sec'y.

BOSTON, JULY 27, 1903.

A meeting of the Board of Park Commissioners was held at Pine Bank office at 3.30 P.M. Present Messrs Stratton and Pratt; also present Superintendent Pettigrew and Engineer Putnam. The records of the last meeting were read and approved.

The Superintendent's report on the desirability of having the cleansing of the Fens basin from sewer deposits placed under the direction of the Park Department was referred to the Chairman.

The Superintendent submitted a report on the communication from Thomas F. Doherty regarding the improvement of the Talbot avenue side of Franklin Field; and the matter was referred to the Secretary for reply.

The Superintendent submitted a report on the request of Rev. M. J. Cuddihy, that S. I. Hudgens be permitted to use burros on the Columbia Road parkway, on the occasion of a garden party; and the Secretary was directed to notify him that the Board grants his request, but the damage done to the grass and trees by the congregation of a large number of children is so great, that, in future, the Board will be obliged to refuse such requests.

The Superintendent submitted a report on the request of R. Clipston Sturgis for permission for Contractor McGahey of the new schoolhouse on North Bennet street, to store building material on Prince Street Playground; and the matter was referred to the Chairman for reply.

The Superintendent submitted a report on the petition of the Mosquito Fleet Yacht Club for an additional frontage of one hundred feet on the Strandway; and the Secretary was directed to reply that the Board has considered their petition, but is unwilling to take away from the public any more of the Strandway than is now controlled by the Yacht Clubs.

The Superintendent submitted a report recommending that the telephone and electric light wires at the Mosquito Fleet Yacht Club and L-Street Bathhouse be placed underground; and the Secretary was directed to notify the Telephone and Electric Light Companies to remove the overhead wires.

VOTED, that the Superintendent be authorized to erect a fence at Prince Street Playground, at an expense of $150, in accordance with his recommendation of June 11, 1903.

Executive Circular, number 21, granting leave of absence to the members of the G. A. R. who wish to attend the National

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Encampment, was received and placed on file.

A communication from Joseph Lee, accompanying sketch of a shelter for Columbus Avenue Playground, which the Civic League desires to erect, was received and the design approved, subject to the approval of the location of the proposed building.

A communication from Carl A. Smith inquiring as to the possibility of holding religious services at Marine Park, was received and referred to the Secretary for reply.

A communication from Victor O. Anderson relative to the desirability of placing telephones in the tennis and golf houses at Franklin Park; also an inquiry from J. B. Benn relative to providing tennis courts in the Fens, were received and referred to the Superintendent for report.

A communication from C. B. Gillespie requesting the use of the bandstand at Marine Park, for evening concerts, was received and referred to the Chairman for reply.

VOTED, to approve the plan of cross-sections of Plymouth street, dated July 24, 1903, under the provisions of chapter 540 of the acts of 1898.

The Superintendent submitted plans for a shelter, to cost $2500, which he recommended to be built by the Department force, and a brick storehouse and sanitary building, both for Wood Island Park. The plans for the shleter were approved; and the Superintendent was authorized to construct the same, and to have specifications prepared and to secure estimates for the construction of the other building.

Geo. F. Clarke, Sec'y

BOSTON, AUGUST 3, 1903.

A meeting of the Board of Park Commissioners was held at Pine Bank office, at 4.30 P.M. Present Messrs Stratton and Pratt; also present Superintendent Pettigrew and Engineer Putnam. The records of the last meeting were read and approved.

The Superintendent submitted a report on the assignment of a room at the Head House for the use of the Volunteer Life

Savings Corps, which was placed on file.

The Superintendent submitted a report on the application of the Election Commissioners for leave to place voting booths on Prince Street Playground, Charlestown Playground, and Oak Square, which was laid over.

The Superintendent submitted a report on the Common Council order requesting that the shower baths be replaced at Charlesbank, which was referred to the Chairman for reply.

Plans of the main building of Simmons College were received from Peabody & Stearns; and it was

VOTED, to approve the elevations above seventy feet in height, shown on the plans of the main building of Simmons College, and that the Chairman endorse said approval on the plan of the front elevation thereof.

An order of the Common Council requesting that a drinking fountain for horses be located between the Fens and Franklin Park, was received and referred to the Superintendent for report.

A communication from George E. Houghton with accompanying plan, showing location for proposed shelter for Columbus Avenue Playground, was received; and it was

VOTED, to approve the location of the proposed building.

A communication from Meyer Bloomfield with reference to improvements at Prince Street Playground was received, and referred to the Chairman for reply.

A communication from the Charlestown Improvement Association, suggesting that the shelter at Charlestown Heights be cleaned, that the water faucet at Mystic Playground be moved, and that two electric lights be placed in front of the new building, was received and referred to the Superintendent for reply.

A communication from the New England Telephone and Telegraph Company, in answer to the letter of the Board regarding the removal of the temporary overhead wires to L-Street Bathhouse and Mosquito Fleet Yacht Club, was received and placed on file.

A communication from the Board of Police in answer to the Chairman's letter relative to disorder at Charlestown Beach, was received and placed on file.

A communication from John McLaren relating to the use of oil on roadways in California was received and placed on file.

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VOTED, to authorize the Superintendent to place seats and erect a temporary shelter over them on Prince Street Playground.

Wm. F. Clarke
Sec'y

BOSTON, AUGUST 7, 1903.

A meeting of the Board of Park Commissioners was held at the Chairman's office, 68 Devonshire street, at 11 A.M. Present Messrs Stratton, Pratt, and Prendergast; also present Superintendent Pettigrew and Engineer Putnam.

The Board estimated the expense of taking lands on Albany and Randolph streets for a playground for wards 7 and 9, as follows:

Joseph O. Hobbs one-half, heirs or devisees of John W. Hobbs, Mary Ann Prescott and Annie L. Prescott, one-half,.....	30675	sq.ft	$19,500
Sarah E. Leatherbee and Georgianna E. Upham,.....	20875	" "	13,750
James M. Thompson, Trustee,.....	42352	" "	31,500
Horace L. Bearse,.....	24517	" "	34,500
Boston Industrial Home,.....	3325	" "	5,000

and passed the following act taking the said lands for a public playground:

In Board of Park Commissioners
August 7, 1903.

The Board of Park Commissioners of the City of Boston, by virtue and in part execution of the authority given to it by chapter 28 of the Revised Laws of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts, does hereby take in fee for a public playground, by right of eminent domain, the following described parcels of land in said Boston, an amount equal to the estimated cost there of having been appropriated by the City Council of said City; namely,-

A parcel of land supposed to belong to Joseph O. Hobbs, the Heirs or Devisees of John W. Hobbs, Mary Ann Prescott and Annie L. Prescott, bounded southeasterly by Albany street, 74 and 60/100 feet; southwesterly by land hereinafter described

as taken from Sarah A. Leatherbee and Georgianna E. Upham,415 and 50/100 feet; northwesterly by other land of said Joseph O. Hobbs and others, 74 and 36/100 feet; northeasterly by land now or formerly belonging to Lawrence Mayo, Trustee,409 and 54/100 feet: containing 30,675 square feet, more or less.

A parcel of land supposed to belong to Sarah A. Leatherbee and Georgianna E. Upham, bounded northeasterly by said last described land, 415 and 50/100 feet; southeasterly by Albany street,50 and 16/100 feet; southwesterly by land hereinafter described as taken from James N. Thompson, Trustee, 419 and 51/100 feet; northwesterly by other land of said Leatherbee and Upham, 50 feet: containing 20,875 square feet, more or less.

A parcel of land supposed to belong to James N. Thompson, Trustee, bounded northeasterly by said last described land, 419 and 51/100 feet; southeasterly by Albany street,100 and 32/100 feet; southwesterly by lands hereinafter described as taken from Horace L. Bearse and the Boston Industrial Home, 427 and 53/100 feet; northwesterly by other land of said James N. Thompson, Trustee, 100 feet: containing 42,352 square feet, more or less.

A parcel of land supposed to belong to Horace L. Bearse, bounded northeasterly by said last described land, 377 and 53/100 feet; southeasterly by Albany street, 64 and 71/100 feet; southwesterly by Randolph street, 382 and 70/100 feet; northwesterly by land hereinafter described as taken from the Boston Industrial Home, 64 and 50/100 feet: containing 24,517 square feet, more or less.

A parcel of land supposed to belong to the Boston Industrial Home, bounded southeasterly by said last described land, 64 and 50/100 feet; southwesterly by Randolph street, 50 feet; northwesterly by land now of formerly belonging to John Reece and others, 64 and 50/100 feet; northeasterly by land hereinbefore described as taken from James N. Thompson, Trustee, 50 feet: containing 3,225 square feet, more or less.

Said parcels of land are shown on a plan dated August 4, 1903, signed by William Jackson, City Engineer, and deposited in his office, a copy whereof is to be filed in the Registry of Deeds for the County of Suffolk.

Charles E. Stratton,
Laban Pratt,
James M. Prendergast,
The Board of Park Commissioners
of the City of Boston.

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The Superintendent submitted a report recommending an increase of pay for employees of the Department; and it was

VOTED, that the pay of the following named employees be increased in accordance with the amounts severally set against their names:

Edward J. Moriarty,	Engineer,	from	$2.50	to	$2.75	per	day.
John Glennon,	"	"	2.50	"	2,75	"	"
Robert Coulsey.	Gardener,	"	2.50	"	2.75	"	"
Thomas Carroll,		"	2.00	"	2.25	"	"

VOTED, that the City Treasurer be requested to pay to Timothy Curley the amount due Patrick Tyrles, deceased, on the pay-roll of this Department of May 15 to 21, 1903.

VOTED, that the Election Commissioners be authorized to place and maintain voting booths on Charlestown Playground, Prince Street Playground, and Oak Square, from September 22 to December 15, both inclusive.

The Superintendent submitted a report on the cost of installing a lamp at Mystic Playground, which was placed on file.

A communication from Jerome A. Petitti for permission to use North End Beach for a parade of Foresters, was received and referred to the Bath Trustees.

A communication from the Edison Electric Illuminating Company, authorizing A. E. Ogden to sign for service permits for the said Company, was received and placed on file.

Geo. F. Clarke,
Sec'y.

BOSTON, AUGUST 17, 1903.

A meeting of the Board of Park Commissioners was held at Pine Bank office, at 3.30 P.M. Present Messrs Stratton and Pratt, also present Superintendent Pettigrew and Engineer Putnam. The records of the last meeting and special meeting of August 7 were read and approved.

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The Superintendent submitted a report on Mr. Rooney's offer for stone at Franklin Park; amd it was

VOTED, to authorize the Superintendent to sell the surplus stone referred to in Mr. Rooney's offer, at twenty-five cents per foot.

The Superintendent submitted a report on the proposals received for pipe and fittings for First Street gymnasium; and it was

VOTED, to accept the proposal of the Walworth Manufacturing Company.

The Superintendent submitted a report on the need of horses; and it was

VOTED, to authorize the Superintendent to purchase two draught horses.

A request of Robert B.Hudson that piles be driven at the Marine Park landings was received, and referred to the Superintendent for report.

A request of Ralph G. Stowell that he be granted the boating and refreshment privilege at Jamaica Pond, and the boating privilege at the Fens, was received, and referred to the Superintendent for report.

Communications from the Treasurer of the Boston Industrial Home, and from H. L. Bearse, regarding the vacating of the premises taken for the Randolph Street Playground, were received and placed on file.

A communication from City Collector Edmund A. Macdonald, relating to the collection of rents and other charges by this Department, was received and referred to the Chairman for reply.

The Superintendent was authorized to make another trial of using oil on the park roads.

The Superintendent submitted a report with reference to the proposed athletic exhibition at Charlesbank; and it was

VOTED, to authorize the Superintendent to furnish programmes, etc.,at an expense of about fifty dollars.

VOTED, that the offer of the Boston Elevated Railway Company to remove the railroad tracks at the Dartmouth street crossing of Commonwealth avenue, and to contribute $200 towards the expense of filling the excavation and surfacing the roadway, be accepted.

VOTED, that the bid of the Hub Construction & Supply

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Company for setting curb and paving gutters on the Strandway, for 8 cents per lineal foot and 20 cents per square yard, respectively, be accepted.

Geo. F. Clarke,
Sec'y.

BOSTON, AUGUST 31, 1903.

A meeting of the Board of Park Commissioners was held at the Chairman's office, 68 Devonshire street, at 3 P.M. Present Messrs Stratton, Pratt, and Prendergast, also present Superintendent Pettigrew and Engineer Putnam. The records of the last meeting were read and approved.

The Superintendent submitted a report on Mr. Hudson's request that additional piles for boat service equipment be driven at Marine Park and Castle Island; and it was

VOTED, to authorize the Superintendent to do the work, at an estimated expense of $125.

The Superintendent submitted a report on bids forpaving bricks for the Strandway; and it was

VOTED, that the bid of the Portland Stone Ware Company, of thirty-five dollars per thousand, be accepted.

A communication from Amory A. Lawrence, thanking the Board for placing tan bark on Commonwealth avenue, at his request, was received and placed on file.

On request of Thomas T. Stokes, President of 100 British Residents, it was

VOTED, that the escort to the Honourable Artillery Company of London, be permitted to march on Commonwealth avenue, from Arlington street to Exeter street, on October 4, provided a sufficient detail of police is made to protect the trees and other property of the City from injury.

The Board held a conference with the engineers of the Sewer Division of the Street Department, in regard to the location of the proposed new channel of Stony Brook through the Fens; and the matter was referred to the Chairman to meet the Sewer engineers on the ground and agree upon a location.

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VOTED, That the following be adopted as the rules and regulations for the government and use of all public parks, playgrounds, parkways, and other public reservations, in charge of this Board so far as they apply:

Within any public reservation in charge of the Park Commissioners of the City of Boston,

1. No person shall annoy another; or speak in a loud tone; or sing; or whistle; or utter any profane, threatening, abusive, or indecent language, or loud outcry; or canvass; or solicit any subscription or contribution; or play any game of chance; or sit, stand, or lie on a balustrade, wall, or fence; or stand or lie on a seat; or sleep; or throw a stone or other thing; or act in an obscene or indecent manner; or drink, or be under the influence of, intoxicating liquor; or, except in Franklin Field and as authorized in a written permit of the Park Commissioners, preach, or pray aloud, or make any oration or harangue:-

2. No person shall go upon or follow a track or trail; or go within any plantation, or upon any border of a drive or walk; or go on foot on any ride or drive, except to go directly across from one walk to another; or, except as authorized in a written permit of the Park Commissioners, dig up, cut, break, remove, deface, defile, ill-use, take, or handle any tree, bush, plant, fern, flower, turf, rock, gravel, building, structure, fence, sign, or other thing connected with the reservation; or, except on a parkway on which there are dwellings, or as authorized in the following rule, have or bring any boat, forearm, firework, intoxicating liquor, instrument of gambling, or any flower, tree, bush, or plant, or part thereof:-

3. No person shall,except in a place designated by,or as authorized in a rule a regulation or a written permit of, the Park Commissioners, bathe, skate, fish, or moor or use a boat or raft, or play ball or any other game or sport, or be clad in gymnastic or training costume, or walk or run in training or in practice or in a race, or play on any musical instrument, or display a flag or banner, or move in any parade or procession, or discharge any firearm, or set off any firecracker or firework, or eat any food, or drop or place and suffer to remain any piece of paper or any burning substance or any other thing,or sell, display for sale or for advertising purposes, or distribute,any goods, sign, placard, circular, or other thing:-

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4. No person shall have or allow--any dog, except on a parkway aforesaid or when held by leash not longer than seven feet, or--any vehicle in a funeral procession, or any hearse, except on Forest Hills Road, or--any motor vehicle, except in accordance with the regulations of the Park Commissioners, or--any led horse, or any vehicle for merchandise, except on Glen Lane, Forest Hills Road, or Bellevue Road, or in going by the shortest route to the nearest public way to take from such reservation, or to leave therein, a person or merchandise, or--any other animal, cycle or vehicle unless it is used for pleasure travel on a road provided therefor, and is well handled and easily controlled:-

5. No person shall ride or drive--in Commonwealth Avenue at a rate of speed exceeding eight miles an hour, or in any other reservation at a rate of speed exceeding ten miles an hour, or--on other than the right-hand side of a road and in a direct course, except when passing another or turning, or--past any animal or vehicle except to the right thereof, or--across a road without giving the right of way to all other persons; or ride a cycle unless he has his hands on its handle-bar and his feet on its pedals and it has a suitable alarm-bell; or ride a cycle by the side of more than one cycle:-

6. No person riding or driving any animal, cycle or vehicle shall stop the same except by the side of a road; or so stop any animal unless it is kept well in hand, or hitched to a place provided therefor; but an animal hitched to a weight of not less than twenty pounds, and so placed that it cannot injure any tree or border, may be left by the side of a parkway aforesaid for not more than five minutes:-

7. No person shall fail to comply with any direction in a notice of the Park Commissioners, or given by a police officer or person in charge.

Within any public reservation in charge of the Park Commissioners of the City of Boston,

1. No person shall use a motor vehicle for pleasure travel, unless it be used between 3 P.M. and 11.30 A.M., except on Commonwealth Avenue, Bellevue Road, Glen Lane, Forest Hills Road, a side road of Arborway, or Audubon Road west of Brookline Avenue, or in going by the shortest route to the nearest public way to take a person to or from a house on a parkway:-

2. No person shall use a motor vehicle for carrying mer-

chandise, except on Glen Lane, Forest Hills Road, or Bellevue Road, or in going by the shortest route to the nearest public way to take merchandise to or from a place in the reservation in which the vehicle is being used:-

3. No person shall stop a motor vehicle, unless when stopped its machinery is kept at rest.

Within, upon, or at, any Public Landing in charge of the Park Commissioners of the City of Boston,

1. No person shall loiter; nor come, except to go upon a boat, or to receive or discharge passengers or supplies by rowboat, between 10 A.M. and 11 P.M., or by small steamer, launch, or rowboat, between 11 P.M. and 10 A.M.; no person shall suffer any boat under his charge to remain for more than fifteen minutes; nor leave any merchandise or other thing, except for immediate removal by boat, team, or person then at the landing, anything not so removed to be taken and stored at the expense of the owner:-

2. No person shall leave any boat on, or tied to, a float except as authorized by the keeper of the float; nor moor, nor anchor, any boat so as to obstruct a fairway or channel; nor while under sail make a landing at any float.

Within or upon any Golf Links in charge of the Park Commissioners of the City of Boston,

1. The greenkeeper shall have full control, both of the links and of the conduct of the game, and shall interpret and enforce the Rules, and receive and settle all complaints:-

2. The greenkeeper shall employ all caddies, and keep a record of the name, and number of badge, of each; shall take away the badge, and suspend the employment of an offending caddie for such period as he shall deem proper; may in his discretion discharge any caddie; and shall promptly discharge any he shall find guilty of soliciting employment without his badge or beyond the first tee, or of asking more than fifteen cents for one round of nine holes, or twenty-five cents for two such rounds, or of taking balls without permission, or of any other grave offence:-

3. The greenkeeper will, on application to him at the Golf House on Schoolmaster Hill, issue a permit to play on the full nine-hole course, to any applicant who is, in his opinion, sufficiently familiar with the game to play without incommoding or endangering other players, and will issue a

Learner's Permit to play on the six-hole course, to any applicant desiring to learn the game:-

4. The player shall hold a permit issued by the greenkeeper, and shall show it whenever requested so to do by a person in authority:-

5. The player shall not loiter about the first tee, but shall with all reasonable despatch play off in turn and move out of range; shall not play from the first tee until all parties in front have played their second stroke and are out of range; and shall not play to the putting green until all parties in front have holed out and are out of range:-

6. The players playing three or more balls shall allow a two-ball match to pass, and players looking for a lost ball shall allow any other match to pass:-

7. The player who has holed out shall not again try his putt, but shall forthwith move out of range:-

8. The player who cuts or disturbs any turf shall at once replace the same.

Within or upon any Tennis Court in charge of the Park Commissioners of the City of Boston,

1. The courts-keeper shall have full control both of the court and of the conduct of the games. and on application will make an assignment of a court which has not already been assigned for the hour applied for:-

2. Assignment will not be made for more than seven days in advance, and will not be good for more than two hours' use, if other players are waiting at the end of such use:-

3. Players shall wear tennis shoes during play, and not interfere with the net poles or other fixed property:-

4. The Tennis House will be kept open until fifteen minutes after sunset, and during the thirty minutes before that time no permit for the use of a bath-room will be given.

Within or upon any Gymnasium in charge of the Park Commissioners of the City of Boston,

1. The Instructor or person in charge shall have full control both of the gymnasium and of the conduct of the exercises, and no person is to enter or remain when forbidden by him:-

2. No person is to remain except while making use, in suitable clothing, of the apparatus for exercise, or while waiting opportunity to do so, or for a reasonable rest between

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exercises, and no person is to use the apparatus on Sunday:-

3. No person is to use any apparatus beyond a reasonable time to the exclusion of another person, and no person is to engage in any exercise objected to by the Instructor:-

4. No person is to put any apparatus to other than its proper use, or use it with excessive violence; nor after using any detached apparatus, such as shots, quoits, or poles, fail to put the same in the boxes and racks provided for them:-

5. Any person not engaged in putting the shot or pitching quoits is to avoid the ground assigned to those who are so engaged:-

6. Any person using the track shall keep his right side toward the fence:-

7. No wheelmen shall use the track except at such times as shall be permitted by the Instructor.

Geo. F. Clarke
Sec'y.

BOSTON, SEPTEMBER 18, 1903.

The following proposals for building a brick building at Wood Island Park were received.and publicly opened and read,at the office of the Board, 64 Pemberton square, Boston, Mr.Pratt being present:

Conners Brothers,	Lowell,	$2590
Holmes Brothers,	Boston,	2900
Griffin & Farrell,	"	2996
Slaken, H. A. & Co.,	"	2997
Flynn, J. J.	"	3100
Hapgood, Frost & Co.,	"	3223
Crane, William,	"	3387
Orne & Lawrence,	"	3399
Javis Engineering Co.,	"	3535
Wheaton Building & Lumber Co.,	"	3900

The bid of the Wheaton Building & Lumber Company was left at the Pine Bank office by mistake, and that of J. J. Flynn was not submitted on the blank furnished by the Department; with these exceptions.the bids were taken under advisement.

BOSTON, SEPTEMBER 23, 1903.

A meeting of the Board of Park Commissioners was held at Pine Bank office, at 3.30 P.M. Present Messrs Stratton,Pratt, and Prendergast, also present Superintendent Pettigrew and Engineer Putnam. The records of the last meeting were read and approved.

The Superintendent submitted a report on the bids for lockers for the First Street Playground locker building, and it was

VOTED, to authorize the Superintendent to construct the lockers as he recommends.

The Superintendent submitted a report recommending drinking fountains for Mystic and Fellows Street playgrounds,which was placed on file.

The Superintendent submitted a report on the standing of Connors Brothers, bidders for Wood Island Park sanitary building; and it was

VOTED, to award the contract to them.

The Superintendent submitted a report on pile driving at the Public Landing and Castle Island; and it was

VOTED, to accept the proposal of A. A. Hersey.

A communication from Acting Mayor James H. Doyle, directing, in accordance with an order of the City Council, that a half-holiday, without loss of pay and in part compensation for services rendered, be granted to all employees whose services can be dispensed with, to attend the primaries to be held for the nomination of state and city officers; and it was

VOTED, to grant the half-holiday.as directed.

A communication from A. W. Longfellow regarding the quality of bricks furnished for the sanitary buildings, and submitting a proposition from Mr. Rooney to supply a better quality of brick for part of the work as an offset to the stone hauled by him from Franklin Park, was received; and it was

VOTED, to accept Mr. Rooney's proposition, and to cancel the charge of $127 now standing against him on the books of this Department in fulfilment thereof.

Communications from Theresa May and George G. Page Box Company, relative to advertising signs on the Arborway, were received and placed on file.

A communication from Horace L. Bearse relative to rent of land occupied by him on Albany street, and from the Cleveland Stone Company, relative to their occupancy of the premises

formerly belonging to Horace L. Bearse on Randolph street, were received and referred to the Chairman for reply.

Two communications from the Sprague-Nugent Company, relative to advertising signs on Columbia Road, were received. Mr. Sprague also came before the Board and stated that they had appeared at the hearings held before the Legislative Committee and practically agreed not to oppose the bill, with the understanding that its scope should be limited to parks and parkways. He asked whether Columbia Road was considered to be a parkway, and questioned whether it should not be considered a boulevard and not within the scope of the bill. Mr. Sprague said, that although they think the law unconstitutional, they would not make a test case provided the Park Department treat them liberally. Mr. Sprague said that they would not put up any more signs facing the parks, but they do consider a street having street cars running through it a legitimate field for their work. The Chairman said that the Board would look into the matter before taking any steps to enforce its order.

A communication from Peabody & Stearns, relative to change in plans of the central tower and ventilating cupolas on the Simmons College building, was received; and it was

VOTED, to approve the new plans, and to authorize the Chairman to endorse said approval upon the same.

A communication from George E. Smith, calling attention to the danger from the barbed wire fence in front of the L-Street Bathhouse, was received and referred to the Chairman for reply.

A communication from George W. Macauley relative to removal of his property from the land taken for the Randolph Street Playground, was received. Mr. Seaver, representing the owners of the land, came before the Board and stated, that if Mr. Macauley were permitted to remove the building, the owners of the land would make no claim for damages on account of it. Mr. Seaver agreed to see the City Solicitor and have a paper drawn up to that effect.

A request was made to the Board of Police for the appointment of Kellogg Durham as special police officer.

Communications from the Police Department regarding the action of a pawnbroker in refusing to give up a park bicycle, enforcing the regulations prohibiting teaming on Charlesgate East, and apprehending any one repainting and replacing

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advertisements on the Arborway, were received and placed on file.

A proposition from John L. White to sell to the City a mortgage on the estate of Frederick J. White, taken for Chestnut Hill Park, was received and referred to the Chairman to take action thereon after conference with the Mayor.

Mr. Daniel H. Deegon, Business Agent of the Carpenters District Council, came before the Board to advocate the payment of Union wages to the carpenters employed by the Department. Mr. Deegon stated that the Union wage is now $3.00 for eight hour's work, and that all City work, except in the Park Department, is done on that basis. The Carpenters who work for the City are practically all Union men, and that two of the men who work in the Park Department would be compelled to leave the job unless they were paid Union wages.

In answer to the question whether the men being guaranteed full time does not amount to the same thing in the end as if they were paid Union wages and were laid off when the work is slack, Mr. Deegon said that the Union would prefer that the men be paid Union wages while they work, than that they should have steady work for less wages, as it puts the Department on record as paying only $2.75 per day, while the Union insists that Union men must work for $3.00 per day.

Mr. William J. Leonard, Chairman Committee on Playgrounds of the Jamaica Plain Citizen's Association, had an interview with the Board on the subject of a playground for Jamaica Plain.

Geo. F. Clarke
Sec'y

BOSTON, OCTOBER 12, 1903.

A special meeting of the Board of Park Commissioners was held at the Mayor's office, at 12 M. Present Messrs Stratton, Pratt, and Prendergast. Also present the Mayor and Superintendent Pettigrew and Engineer Putnam.

A conference was held with Messrs R. C. Sturgis, W. M. Wheelwright, S. D. Warren, and L. D. Brandeis, in regard to a proposal of the Museum of Fine Arts for a change in the boundary

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line between their property and the Fens, in order to make the lines conform to the lines of the new Art Museum.

Preliminary plans and estimates were considered, and it was agreed that application should be made to the Legislature for an act authorizing the City to exchange land with the Art Museum.

The Superintendent submitted proposals for iron fences at First Street and Prince Street playgrounds; and it was

VOTED, to accept the proposal of the Rogers Iron Company, provided they will agree to deliver the fences on or before December 1, 1903, under penalty for delay after that date of $10.00 per week.

A communication from the Street Department enclosing plan of proposed connections of Jersey and Queensberry streets with Audubon Road, was received with reports thereon by the Superintendent and Engineer, and the matter was referred to the Chairman to reply to the Superintendent of Streets.

A communication was received from A. W. Longfellow, recommending the acceptance of Mr. Rooney's offer to build a manhole for the running trap at the Franklin Park sanitary building for $8.00, and suggesting the addition of two copper conductors on each of the sanitary buildings, at a cost of $85.00, and it was

VOTED, to approve the same and accept Mr. Rooney's estimate for doing the work.

Geo. F. Clarke
Sec'y.

BOSTON, OCTOBER 19, 1903.

A meeting of the Board of Park Commissioners was held at Pine Bank at 3.30 P.M. Present Messrs Stratton and Pratt, also Superintendent Pettigrew and Engineer Putnam. The records of the last meeting and of special meeting of October 12 were read and approved.

The Superintendent reported the transfer of a police sergeant from Franklin Park to outside station duty temporarily, also a request of Antonio Gregori for the lease of the ordnance

sergeant's house on Castle Island.

The Superintendent submitted a report on bids received for repairing the roof of the sheep barn; and it was

VOTED, to accept the proposal of William Martin to put on a new tar and gravel roof for the sum of $250.

A request of the Election Commissioners for leave to place a voting booth on Commonwealth avenue at Fairfield street, from October 26 to December 15, together with a report from the Superintendent thereon, was received, and it was

VOTED, that the Election Commissioners be authorized to place and maintain a voting booth on Commonwealth avenue at Fairfield street, from October 30 to November 4, November 12 to November 20, and from December 11 to December 16, in the same location granted them last year.

Subsequently the Board voted, because of sickness on Fairfield street, to modify their vote so as to permit of the immediate removal of the building to Commonwealth avenue.

A request of the Boston Elevated Railway Company for leave to dump snow and ice on Charlestown Playground, was received and referred to the Secretary for reply.

Communications from the Superintendent of Streets, relative to this Department's planting trees and shrubs on Columbia Road, and from the Boston Elevated Railway Company, acknowledging the receipt of a communication from the Board relative to the removal of the feed wires on Beaver street, were received and placed on file.

A notice of a hearing by a committee of the Legislature appointed to consider the advisability of conferring extended powers in taking land for public purposes, was received; and the Secretary was directed to reply, that while there might be occasions where it would be of advantage to the City to have the power of taking more land than is needed for a contemplated improvement, with a view of afterwards selling the remainder, the Board does not believe that it would be a wise policy to give the Park Department this general power.

A communication from J. L. Nason in regard to the purchase and sale of the brick building on Randolph street, was received and referred to the Secretary for reply.

A communication from Professor Ira N. Hollis of Harvard University, relative to the boundary line between Soldier's Field and North Brighton Playground, together with a report

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from the Superintendent and the Engineer, was received and laid over, pending a conference on the matter as requested by Professor Hollis.

The Superintendent was authorized to erect afence on the boundary line of North End Beach, adjoining the passage way to Fiske's wharf.

The following proposals for plumbing for the Wood Island Park Sanitary building were received:

Edward C. Kelly,	$297
John C. Kelly,	325
John F. Donlan,	345
Kelly & Gaffey,	355
William N. McKenna,	423
Clark Brothers,	750

and it was

VOTED, to award the contract to Edward C. Kelly, the lowest bidder.

VOTED, that the pay of carpenters employed by this Department be increased from $2.75 to $3.00 per day; the men to be suspended when there is lack of work or there is a general suspension for any cause.

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BOSTON, NOVEMBER 9, 1903.

A meeting of the Board of Park Commissioners was held at the Chairman's office, 68 Devonshire street, at 3 P.M. Present Messrs Stratton, Pratt, and Prendergast, also Superintendent Pettigrew and Engineer Putnam. The records of the last meeting were read and approved.

The Superintendent submitted a report on the need of extending the water-fowl house in Franklin Park, and it was

VOTED, to authorize the Superintendent to expend $300 in providing further accommodations for the water-fowl.

The Superintendent submitted a report on the petition of the Volunteer Life Saving Crew for the use of a room at Charlesbank; and it was

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VOTED, not to grant the request, as the room referred to is needed by this Department.

The Superintendent submitted a report on the use of tar for laying dust on roads in France.

The Superintendent submitted reports on the orders of the Common Council requesting the Board to provide skating at Prince Street Playground, and to substitute an iron fence for the wooden fence at Ward 22 Playground.

The Superintendent submitted a report recommending the removal of the boathouses on the Strandway near Mercer street; and the Secretary was directed to notify the owners to remove them.

The Superintendent submitted a report on the request of Ralph G. Stowell that the boating concession at Jamaica Pond and the Fens be given to him, under the conditions of the previous grants to the Boston Parks Boat Service and Mr. John G. Benedict; and it was

VOTED, that, with the approval of the Mayor, the rights and privileges heretofore granted to the Boston Parks Boat Service Company and John G. Benedict, of maintaining and operating for hire a public boat service in the waters of the Back Bay Fens and Jamaica Pond, be granted to Ralph G. Stowell, for the season of 1904, together with the right to sell light refreshments, including confectionery and fruit, except bananas, watermelons, and unshelled peanuts, at the boat landing at Jamaica Pond; on condition that he furnishes an equipment of boats and furniture and landing facilities equal to those furnished by the said Benedict; all of said service to be under the supervision of the Superintendent of Parks, and to be carried on to the satisfaction of the Board, the right to sell refreshments to be subject to revocation on evidence of any untidiness about the premises.

The Superintendent submitted a report in regard to fishing in Jamaica Pond.

The Superintendent submitted a report on lighting the skating fields; and the Superintendent was authorized to procure two Kitson lights for experimental use.

The Superintendent submitted a report on Myer Bloomfield's letter regarding Prince Street Playground; and it was

VOTED, that the Superintendent furnish some apparatus for the playground, at an expense of about $300.

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The Superintendent submitted a report on the dilapidated condition of the buildings and pier at North End Beach; and the matter was referred to the Chairman to communicate with the Bath Department in regard to making necessary repairs.

The Superintendent submitted a report on the necessity of protecting the planting spaces at the Strandway; and the matter was referred to the Chairman to communicate with the Superintendent of Streets.

The Superintendent submitted a report on the disposition of the long-distance telephone wires at the railroad bridge, Columbia Road; and the matter was laid over.

The Superintendent was authorized to purchase a buggy horse and a light, two-wheeled carriage, at an expense of $225.

An order of the Common Council requesting the Board to prepare the Strandway Playground for flooding for the skating season, also Executive Circulars directing heads of departments to allow a half-holiday November 19, and on the State and City election days,were received; and it was

VOTED, to grant the men in this Department half-holidays in accordance therewith.

A communication from the Board of Police suggesting the use of the police automobile for protection in the parks, was received; and it was

VOTED, to grant permission to the Police Department to enter the parks at all hours with the police automobile.

A communication from H. B. Sprague, of the Sprague-Nugent Company, relative to their signs on Columbia Road,was received and referred to the Chairman to confer with Mr. Sprague in regard to these and other signs belonging to his Company.

A communication from F. A. Norcross, notifying the Board of the application of Messrs Stern and Rudnick for a permit to build on Commercial street, adjoining North End Beach, also communication from Messrs Stern and Rudnick relative to the passageway between their estate and said park, were received and placed on file.

A communication from Thomas F. Phillips, requesting information regarding the sale of a building on the Randolph Street Playground, was received and referred to the Secretary for reply.

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BOSTON, NOVEMBER 23, 1903.

A meeting of the Board of Park Commissioners was held at the Chairman's office, 68 Devonshire street, at 3 P.M. Present Messrs Stratton, Pratt, and Prendergast, also Superintendent Pettigrew and Engineer Putnam. The records of the last meeting were read and approved.

The Superintendent submitted a report on the request of the Chairman of the Schoolhouse Commission. for instructions for janitors in the care of schoolhouse shrubberies.

The Superintendent submitted a report, recommending the acceptance of the bid of the Aberthaw Company for sidewalk lights for the Commonwealth avenue underground tool-house; and it was

VOTED, to accept the proposal of the Aberthaw Company.

The Superintendent submitted a report accompanying a plan for the Charles river embankment sea-wall. The plan was approved, and Mr. Putnam directed to confer with Mr.Miller, Engineer of the Charles River Basin Commission, in order that the plans of the two Boards may be submitted to the War Department together.

Communications from the Board of Police, acknowledging communications from this Board regarding permit for use of police automobile in the parks, children damaging grass on Commonwealth avenue, boys frightening swans at Jamaica Pond, also regarding arrests and other occurrences in the parks; also a communication from John A. Rooney, stating that the Arboretum sanitary building will be completed the week of November 14, were received and placed on file.

The Board considered the petition of the Washington Village Yacht Club, for a new location for its clubhouse on the Strandway, and from the Bumpkin Island Outing Club for additional time in which to remove its building; and it was

VOTED, to give the owners of the boathouses on the Strandway until April 15 to remove their buildings, and that the Board does not favor the locating of any more yacht clubs on the Strandway.

Professor Ira N. Hollis came before the Board in the matter of the proposed exchange of land between the City and Harvard College, in order to straighten the boundary line between Soldier's Field and North Brighton Playground. Professor Hollis stated that the College would give half of the land needed for a street between the two properties, and even may

devote additional land in order to make the street wider. The Commissioners agreed to submit the matter to the City Government when the plans were finally completed.

The Roslindale Base-Ball and Athletic Association, represented by Messrs Currier, Hosford, Carver, and Macy, came before the Board with reference to some improvements in Roslindale Playground. Mr. Currier said that they wanted more facilities, particularly seats. From thirth-eight hundred to four thousand people sometimes view the games, and since the fence has been erected on the hillside there is no place for them to sit. He suggested that a grand-stand in the position of the present base-ball backstop be erected, to accommodate 135 to 140 ladies. He would also have the present diamond brought out about fifteen feet, the base lines now being too near the barrier, and have the bleachers brought down to the present barrier line. They also wanted some improvement made in the field, which is too soft and miry. The Association also asked permission to hold a skating carnival this winter.

Messrs R. G. N. Candage, President, Leander Beale, Treasurer, and Freeman O. Emerson of the Board of Directors of the Boston Industrial Home, came before the Board. Mr. Candage said that they desired to retain possession of their stable on Randolph street as long as possible, as it will be difficult to get another stable, and that, before looking for another location, they wished to know what the City intended to pay them. Mr. Beale stated that they originally paid $4500 for the property, and that it had cost $3000 for alterations and repairs. In answer to the Chairman's question as to what the Directors thought they ought to get, Mr. Candage said that $10,000 would not more than compensate them for the loss of the property, even if they could get a place as conveniently located to the Home.

The Chairman said that the Board would take the matter of damages under consideration, and that they might continue to occupy the stable until the City required to use the property, provided they would remit interest on whatever award the Board might make. This the Committee agreed to do.

A plan was received from the Edison Electric Illuminating Company for installing tube main in Charlesgate West, between West Newbury street and Commonwealth avenue, and it was

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VOTED, to approve the plan, and to authorize the Secretary to issue a permit for the same, on the usual conditions.

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BOSTON, DECEMBER 1, 1903.

A meeting of the Board of Park Commissioners was held at the Chairman's office, 68 Devonshire street, at 3 P.M. Present Messrs Stratton, Pratt, and Prendergast, also Superintendent Pettigrew and Engineer Putnam. The records of the last meeting were read and approved.

The Superintendent submitted reports on lighting the skating areas and installing a telephone at the Golf House, which were placed on file.

The Superintendent submitted a report on proposals for iron piping for gymnastic apparatus for North Brighton, Charlestown and First Street playgrounds; and it was

VOTED, to accept the proposal of the Walworth Manufacturing Company.

The Superintendent submitted a report on the petition of Stanley C. Smith and others, that Billings Field be flooded for skating as early as possible; and the Secretary was instructed to reply to the petitioners.

A communication from the Cleveland Stone Company tendering keys to the property on Randolph street held by them under lease from Horace L. Bearse, was received and placed on file.

A communication from Mr. Westrum regarding the applying of "Westrumite" for laying dust, was received and placed on file.

A communication from W. Prentiss Parker regarding change in location of the toboggan slide in Franklin Park, was received and referred to the Chairman for reply.

A communication from Guy Lowell relative to parkway entrance for an apartment house at Westland Avenue Entrance was received and referred to the Chairman for reply.

A communication from the Board of Police regarding measures for protecting the swans at Jamaica Pond was received and placed on file.

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An order to Charles H. Dodge Construction Company to build basement walls at Franklin Park Storehouse one foot higher than shown on the contract plans, and to construct brick cross-walls, was approved.

A communication to the Secretary of War requesting approval of plans for constructing an embankment and sea-wall in Charles River Basin was signed by the Board and forwarded to Washington.

A communication from James A. Coults. Secretary Committee of Citizens, calling the Board's attention to the hearing to be given on the Boston Elevated Company's petition for the extension of the elevated railroad to Forest Hills, was received; and it was

VOTED, to send a letter of remonstrance to the Aldermen against the extension of the elevated railroad across the Parkway, Mr. Prendergast voting No.

A petition in aid of the bill to be presented to Congress for the preservation of the Calaveras Grove of Big Trees was signed by the Board and forwarded to the Chairman of the Calaveras Big Tree Committee of the Out-Door Art League of California.

A communication from the Boston Elevated Railway Company asking leave to dump snow into the river from the wharf at Charlestown Playground was received, and it was

VOTED, to grant the Boston Elevated Railway Company the privilege of dumping snow into the salt water from the wharf or bulkhead at Charlestown Playground, during the coming winter, the teams engaged in the work to take such route to and from the dump as the Superintendent of Parks shall direct.

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BOSTON, DECEMBER 15, 1903.

A meeting of the Board of Park Commissioners was held at the Chairman's office, 68 Devonshire street, at 3 P.M. Present Messrs Stratton, Pratt, and Prendergast, also present Engineer Putnam. The records of the last meeting were read and approved.

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The Superintendent submitted a report on maintenance estimates, which was referred to the Chairman to communicate with the Mayor.

The Superintendent submitted a report on skating at Dorchester Park, and the Secretary was directed to reply to Dr. N. R. Perkins' letters in relation thereto.

The Superintendent submitted a report on the orders of the Common Council requesting the flooding of Marcella Street Playground, and the lighting of Charlestown and North Brighton playgrounds; and the matters were referred to the Chairman for reply.

The Superintendent submitted a report on a communication from the Superintendent of Streets in regard to erecting a fence in the loam space at the Strandway; and the matter was referred to the Chairman to confer with the Superintendent of Streets.

The Superintendent submitted a report on the orders of the Common Council requesting the Board to flood Christopher Gibson Playground, Billings Field, Wood Island Park playground, and Charlestown Playground, for skating purposes, and the report and orders were placed on file.

The Superintendent submitted a report on proposals for installing an elevator in the Franklin Park storehouse;and it was

VOTED, to accept the proposal of the Hoyt Elevator Company.

The Superintendent submitted a report on bids for library periodicals, and it was

VOTED, to accept the proposal of W. Walter Farr & Company.

The Superintendent submitted a report on the need of additional driving horses; and it was

VOTED, to authorize the Superintendent to purchase two horses, at an expense of $500.

The Superintendent submitted a report recommending that the park laborers be allowed to work all day on Saturday, December 19, and be given a full holiday December 26, in lieu thereof; and it was

VOTED, to grant a holiday on December 26 to the men who work all day on Saturday December 19.

A communication from the Treasurer of Harvard College relative to an exchange of land between Soldier's Field and North Brighton Playground, for the purpose of improving their

boundaries, was received and referred to the Chairman for reply.

A request of the Harvard Improvement Association that arrangements for skating at Franklin Field be perfected very soon was received, and the Secretary was instructed to reply, that arrangements have been made for flooding Franklin Field at once.

A communication from Guy Lowell relative to securing an entrance on the Parkway for a new house on Hemenway street and Westland Entrance was received, and the Secretary was directed to ask Mr. Lowell for the instances referred to by him where similar privileges had been given by the Board.

A communication from R. S. Barrows relative to a lot of land on Woodman street suitable for a playground site was received and placed onfile.

An application was made to the Board of Police for the appointment of P.F.McNamara as a special police officer at Franklin Field.

A communication from the Park Commissioners of Wellesley, regarding the enforcement of the billboard act, was received and referred to the Law Department; and the Secretary was instructed to thank the Wellesley Park Commissioners for their letter, and to notify them of its reference to the Law Department.

A communication from D. L. Prendergast, thanking the Board in behalf of the Boston Elevated Railway Company for permission to dump snow into Mystic river at Charlestown Playground, was received and placed on file.

A communication from the Boston Industrial Home agreeing to waive interest on any award of damages for the taking of their Randolph Street property during the time they are permitted to occupy the same, was received and placed on file.

VOTED, that the City Treasurer be requested to pay Bridget Lambert, widow of John F. Lambert, the amount due him on the pay rolls of this Department.

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BOSTON, DECEMBER 22, 1903.

A meeting of the Board of Park Commissioners was held at the Chairman's office, 66 Devonshire street, at 3 P.M. Present Messrs Stratton, Pratt, and Prendergast, also Superintendent Pettigrew and Engineer Putnam. The records of the last meeting were read and approved.

The Superintendent submitted a report on the order of the Common Council requesting the Board to prepare Ashmont Playground for skating purposes; and the matter was referred to the Chairman for reply.

The Superintendent submitted a report on the order of the Common Council requesting the Board to flood M (First) Street Playground, and the report and order were placed on file.

The Superintendent submitted a report on the question of Allowing Christmas day to laborers who did no work on Christmas week; and the matter was referred to the Chairman to confer with the Mayor.

A communication from the New England Telephone and Telegraph Company requesting permission to lay underground conduits to the L-Street Bathhouse, and from the L-Street Bathhouse to the Mosquito Fleet Yacht Club, together with a plan of the same dated December 1, 1903, were received, and it was

VOTED, to approve the plan. and to authorize the Secretary to issue a permit to make the necessary excavations.

A communication from the Cemetery Department acknowledging the gift of trees and shrubs was received and placed on file.

A communication from A. Simpson, Agent Cleveland Wrought Iron Fence Company, regarding the return of a check deposited by him to guarantee the completion of the fence at Charlestown Playground, was received and the Secretary was directed to return the check.

A communication from C. W. Brown relative to boys taking water in carboys from the spring near Canterbury street in Franklin Park, was received, and the Secretary was instructed to reply.

A request of the New England Dredging Company for the privilege of taking water from the Public Landing at Marine Park, for the use of its dredges and towboats engaged in dredging a basin for the State, was received and it was

VOTED, to grant the request, subject to such regulations as the Superintendent of Parks may require.

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